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4 killed in gov't raid in downtown Marawi

By Butch D. Enerio, Grace C. Albasin and Edwin O. Fernandez

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Four people were killed and two soldiers were wounded when police and military contingents raided the hideout of a suspected criminal syndicate in downtown Marawi City yesterday.

Two of the fatalities were civilians caught in

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Bin Laden urged to leave

But 'of his own free will,' say Islamic clerics

KABUL—Afghanistan's powerful council of ulema (Islamic clerics) yesterday urged suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden to leave the country "of his own free will," but set no deadline for him to accept or reject the call, the Taliban news agency said.

Exiled Afghan king tells people: Rescue yourselves

FROM ROME, his country of exile, the 87-year-old ex-king of Afghanistan called on his people Wednesday to "rescue themselves" by renouncing terrorism.

Back in his former kingdom, the small and lately leaderless Afghan opposition prepared once more to fight the ruling Taliban, but now with a powerful new ally, the United States.

Former King Mohammed Zahir Shah, who went into exile after his overthrow in 1973, said in a statement: "My concerns and anxieties for the future of Afghanistan have increased in these precarious moments."

He urged his country to "acknowledge with regret that the presence of foreign, imposed terrorists has caused unrest and danger" for Afghanistan. Osama Bin Laden, the suspected terrorist mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, was stripped of his Saudi citizenship due to his links with terrorism.

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Asked about the council's decision, one of the clerics, Mohammed Naseer, said in an interview with The Associated Press, "we wanted to find a solution that would save our country and solve the problem of our guest," the United States' prime suspect behind the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

The ulema's resolution, coming at the end of two days of meetings, will be put to Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and other leaders "and they will decide as soon as possible," Mullah Mohammad Muslim Haqqani, the deputy minister of higher education, told the Agence France Presse.

"The Ulema wants the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to encourage Osama to leave Afghanistan, but of his own free will," the Bakhtar News agency said, referring to the council of hundreds of clerics which had met to make a decision about US demands to hand over Bin Laden.

The final statement appeared to be a compromise between the hardliners among the clerics, who would be ready to go to war to protect Bin Laden, and those who wanted to rid the country of a devastating threat.

"They asked the Taliban to persuade

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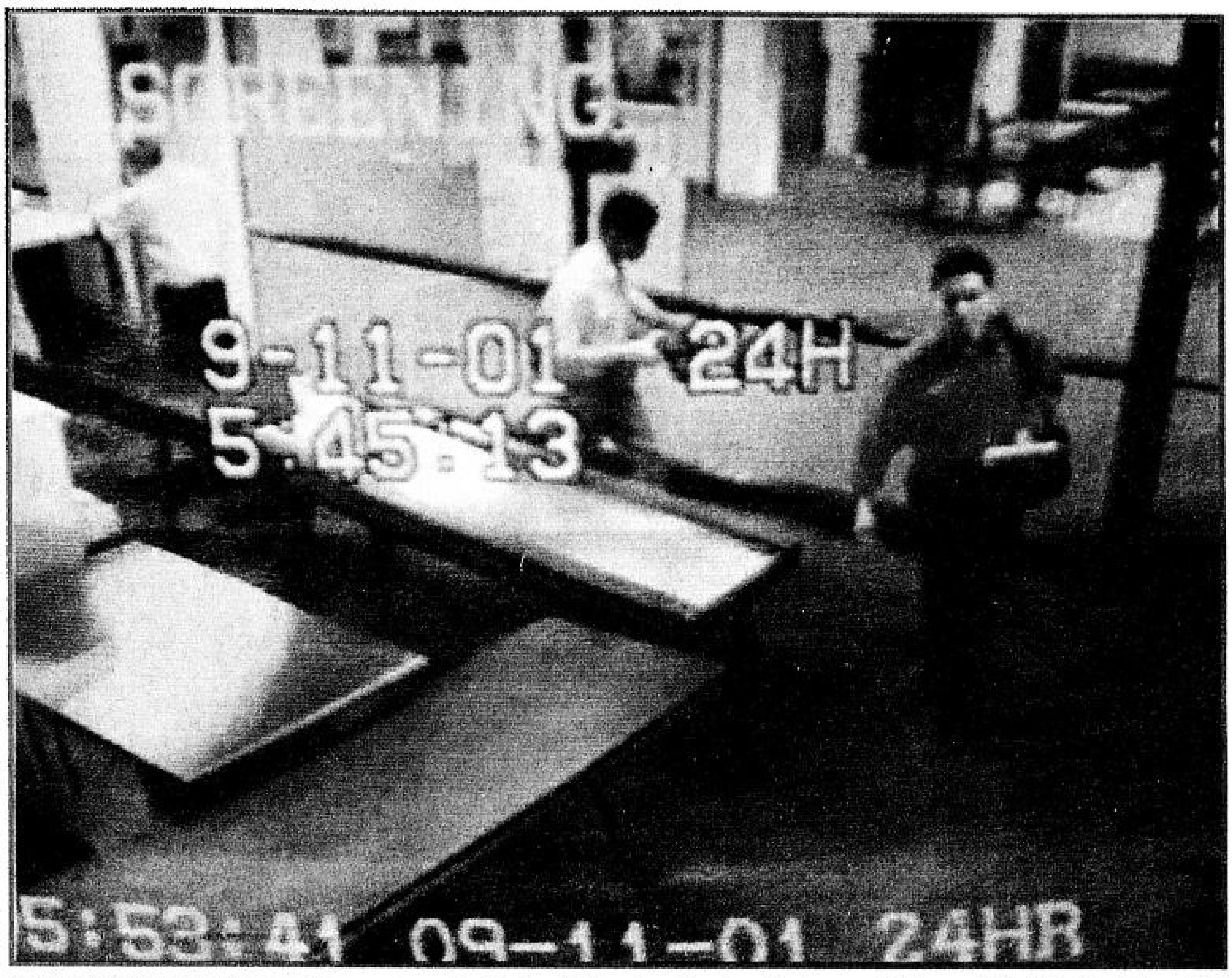
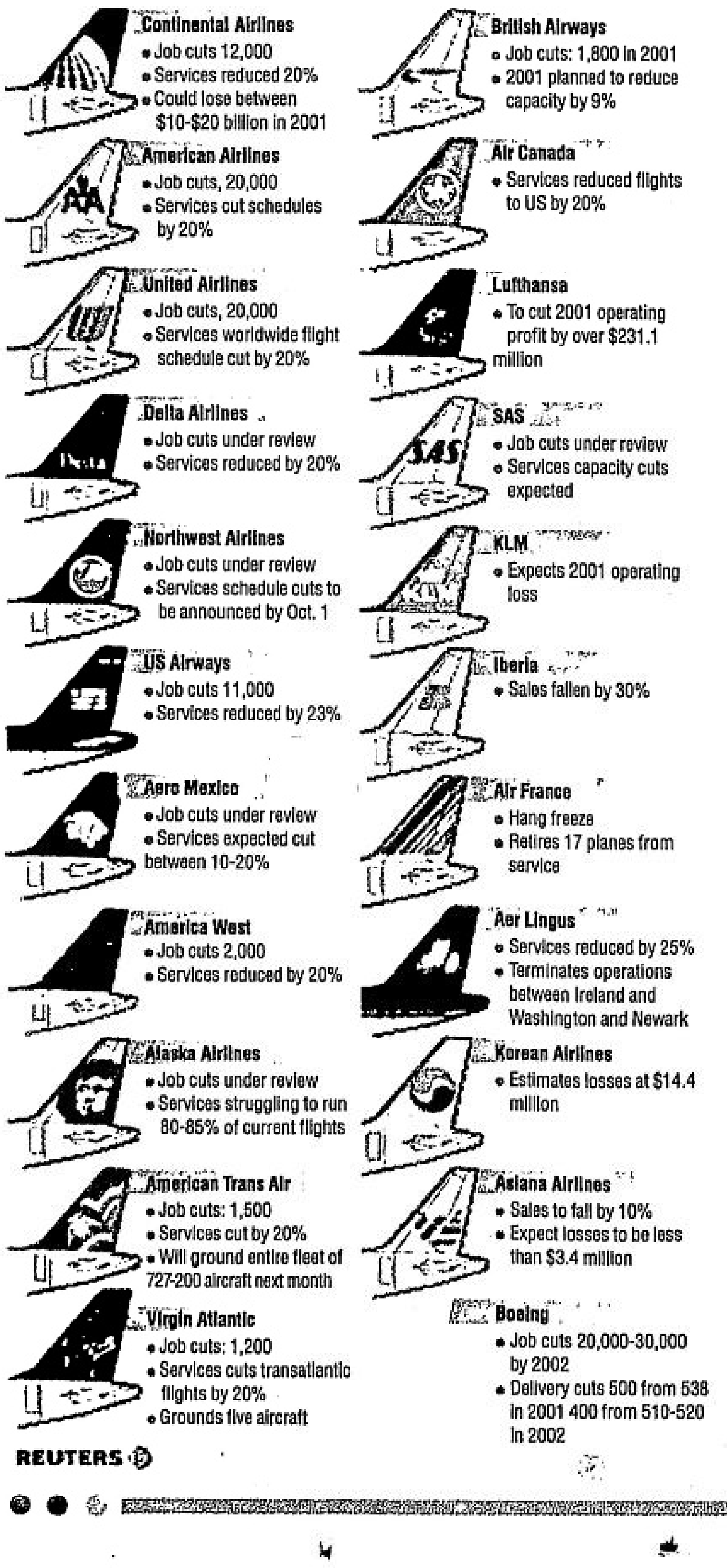


LONE security checkpoint's surveillance camera at the Portland, Maine airport captured the image of Mohammad Atta (with ticket in hand and a shoulder bag) and Abdulaziz Alomari on their way to boarding a commuter flight to Boston to catch a connecting flight to Los Angeles on American Airlines Flight 11 which was the first jetliner that crashed into the World Trade Center. AP

AEROSPACE AND AIRLINES JOB CUTS

The world's airline industries and manufacturers have slashed schedules and are predicting more job cuts in response to last week's attacks on the US.



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- Job cuts 12,000
- Services reduced 20%
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American Airlines
- Job cuts, 20,000
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- Job cuts, 20,000
- Services worldwide flight schedule cut by 20%

Delta Airlines
- Job cuts under review
- Services reduced by 20%

Northwest Airlines
- Job cuts under review
- Services schedule cuts to be announced by Oct. 1

US Airways
- Job cuts 11,000
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Aero Mexico
- Job cuts under review
- Services expected cut between 10-20%

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- Job cuts 2,000
- Services reduced by 20%

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- Job cuts under review
- Services struggling to run 80-85% of current flights

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- Job cuts: 1,500
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- Job cuts under review
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- Expects 2001 operating loss

Iberia
- Sales fallen by 30%

Air France
- Hang freeze
- Retires 17 planes from service

Aer Lingus
- Services reduced by 25%
- Terminates operations between Ireland and Washington and Newark

Korean Airlines
- Estimates losses at $14.4 million

Asiana Airlines
- Sales to fall by 10%
- Expect losses to be less than $3.4 million

Boeing
- Job cuts 20,000-30,000 by 2002
- Delivery cuts 500 from 538 in 2001 400 from 510-520 in 2002

REUTERS

100,000 lose jobs in airline industry

NEW YORK—The top two US airlines have joined giant aircraft maker Boeing in announcing sweeping job cuts, bringing to nearly 100,000 the number of aviation jobs lost since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The parent companies of American and United each announced layoffs of 20,000 on Wednesday, reducing their work forces by 14 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

British Airways, Europe's largest carrier, announced on Thursday it would cut 7,000 jobs and reduce flights by 10 percent because of an expected slowdown in air travel worldwide.

Other European airlines as well as Asian carriers were likewise suffering severely from the effects of the devastating attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Analysts said troubled carriers in emerging markets—from Brazil to India—might soon find themselves permanently grounded.

Boeing, the world's biggest airplane maker, on Tuesday said it would lay off as much as 30,000 workers—up to 15 percent of its work force—as it girded for a sharp drop in orders.

"We simply have no choice but to step up to the realities of this extraordinarily critical time," James E. Goodwin, United's chair and chief executive officer, said in announcing the layoffs.

Continental and US Airways laid off a total of 23,000 employees earlier in the week, while America West, American Trans Air, National Airlines and Britain's Virgin Atlantic also announced job cuts.

Midway Airlines shut down.

The only major carriers that haven't announced layoffs are

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US sends aircraft carriers, combat planes to Gulf area

WASHINGTON—The US Air Force is taking the first steps to dispatch dozens of combat aircraft to the Gulf area, setting in motion "Operation Infinite Justice" for the promised US-led war on terrorism.

The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt was also sent toward the Mediterranean to join two aircraft carriers already in the region near Afghanistan, where alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden is said to be hiding.

The Theodore Roosevelt battle group includes two attack submarines, the USS Hartford and the USS Springfield, both capable of firing Tomahawk cruise missiles.

"The United States is repositioning some of its forces to support the president's goal," Condoleezza Rice, President George W. Bush's national security adviser, said Wednesday without elaborating.

Senior defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said combat aircraft, including F-16 Fighting Falcons and F-15 Eagles, would be preceded by Air Force airlift control teams from bases in California and New Jersey.

The airlift control teams will establish what the Air Force calls an "air bridge," coordinating ground communications to match up refueling aircraft with fighters and, later, bombers crossing the Atlantic.

It probably will take about a

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News, Nostradamus knock out sex in cybersearches

PALO ALTO, California—Osama bin Laden has displaced Pamela Lee Anderson in cyberspace and people looking for information about the American flag outnumbered those curious about Britney Spears.

For the first time in the short history of the Internet, popular search engines report that "sex"

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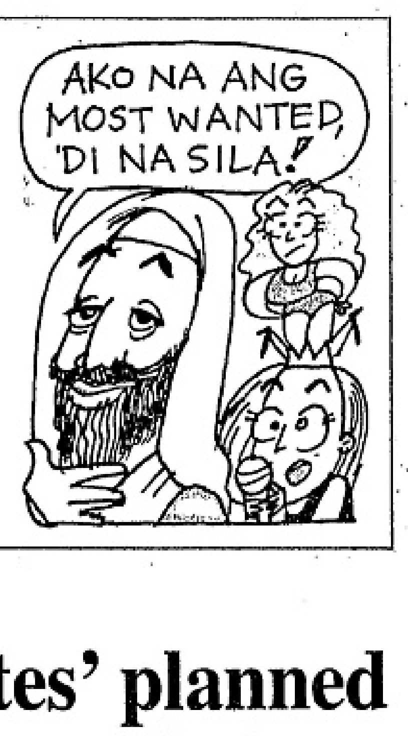
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29 YEARS AGO

'Memory sites' planned for martial law victims

By Blanche S. Rivera

NOT all heroes were at Edsa in February 1986, when the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos was toppled. Many never even reached Metro Manila, but their voices—and their blood—enriched the struggle.

And for these unknown heroes who fought tyranny in obscure battlefields, monuments should rise, according to the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines.

The TFDP, whose members were among those arrested and tortured during the Marcos regime, will launch today its initiative to build "memory sites" for the nameless, faceless others who died fighting the dictatorship.

The date is memorable, it being the 29th anniversary of Marcos' declaration of martial law.

TFDP executive director Aurora

MEMORY/ A20

Pinoy toll: 7 dead, 428 feared dead

By Jennie L. Ilustre

WASHINGTON—Seven dead, 428 missing (and presumed dead).

These are the numbers for the Filipino victims of last week's terrorist attack on New York City, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) which oversees disaster relief in the United States.

Chris M. Castro, the state department's Philippine desk officer, said "the figures represent the highest number of casualties" by nationality among the victims of the airplane attacks on the World Trade Center last Sept. 11.

By contrast, the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs latest report from its New York consulate placed the number of missing Filipinos at 115. The consulate confirmed two Filipino-Americans died in two of the four planes that were crashed that morning.

The victims in the New York carnage represented some 50 nationalities. Of about 50,000 persons working in the WTC's twin towers, over 5,000 have been listed as missing. At more than 400, the number of missing Filipinos would total just

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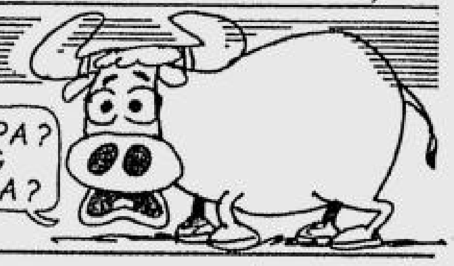
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RP eyes share of $40-B fund

By Juliet L. Javellana

OPPORTUNITY in adversity.

This appears to be in the mind of economic managers as they announced plans for the Philippines to capture a share of the $40 billion United States reconstruction fund.

The US government put up the fund to recover from the damage wrought by the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

Amid fears of a global recession as an effect of the terrorist attacks in the US, Malacañang said economic managers "actually looked at the tragic events in the US as an opportunity for the Philippine economy to rebound."

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, Trade Secretary Mar Roxas and Director General Dante Canlas of the National Economic and Development Authority broached plans for the Philippines to take advantage of the massive rebuilding of US infrastructure by supplying skilled Filipino manpower and construction materials.

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DFA downplays threat to OFWs

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs yesterday downplayed the threat faced by an estimated 1.3 million Filipino workers in the Middle East in the face of an impending United States military attack in the region against suspected havens of terrorists.

Only as many as 2,500 OFWs in the region may need to be evacuated, although such need has not yet come up, the DFA said.

"Although we're in a state of heightened alert there is no reason to panic and there's no need to move everyone out," DFA spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros said in a news briefing.

He said a mass evacuation of all the 1.3 million OFWs in the Middle East is "uncalled for, unnecessary and impractical."

Lecaros said the DFA believes that just "2,000 to 2,500" OFWs are "close to the theater of action" and may therefore need to be moved to a safe place.

He was obviously referring to Afghanistan, which the US has threatened with a military attack if it does not hand over Osama bin Laden who allegedly masterminded the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the US.

Lecaros did not identify the other countries where Filipinos who live there may be in danger.

Some 600 Filipinos live in Pakistan and around 500 in Iran, which both share a border with Afghanistan; there are almost 100 in Iraq which has defied the US since the 1990 Gulf War.

Even as the US began to deploy troops and warplanes to the Middle East in preparation for war, the DFA yesterday did not see a need to evacuate Filipinos in the region.

"There's no go-signal yet," said Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr.

But to underscore the seriousness of the situation, Guingona said Malacañang designated a senior ambassador to Pakistan to oversee the contingency plans.

Jorge Arizabal, the current ambassador to Vietnam, was reportedly told to immediately assume his new post as head of the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad.

The embassy has been headed by charge d'affaires Jose Cabrera III since the recall of former ambassador and former Armed Forces chief of staff Joselin Nazareno, a political appointee.

A career diplomat, Arizabal has been posted to Australia, Iraq, Malaysia, France and Great Britain.

Malacañang is said to be "fast-tracking" his confirmation before the Commission on Appointments.

But the DFA said Arizabal can assume his post even without being confirmed first as long as the Pakistani government accepts his nomination.

"You have to have someone with enough stature, seniority and experience to take charge," Lecaros said of Arizabal's emergency appointment.

Meanwhile the Philippine Embassy in Riyadh issued an advisory last Sept. 19 assuring Filipinos there that they remain safe and that there is so far no indication of any imminent attacks on the kingdom by the US and its allies.

"Despite the tension in the Middle East region and other parts of the world, the situation in the kingdom remains peaceful and calm with no discernible signs of imminent grave danger from any external threats," the advisory said.

However, the embassy advised Filipinos to prepare their travel documents and get in touch with the embassy in Riyadh or the consulate general in Jeddah, in case they have to evacuate.

Since the crisis began, the government has reactivated Oplan Aguila which was drawn during the Gulf War to evacuate more than a million Filipinos working in the Middle East at the time.

Saudi Arabia hosts the most number of OFWs, around 800,000; followed by the United Arab Emirates, 100,000; Kuwait, 35,000; Qatar 32,000; Oman, 24,834; Bahrain, 21,000; Lebanon, 16,495; Libya, 12,000; Israel, 9,439; Iran, 500 and Iraq, 77.

Lecaros said they doubted whether OFWs would want to evacuate since based on experience during the 1990 Gulf War and the 1980 Iran-Iraq War, most of them opted to stay behind.

He said the C-130 planes sent by the government to ferry them came back half-filled "because the (OFWs) did not feel threatened.".

"Most Filipinos stayed in place and found no reason to regret having done so," he said.

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US may offer troops vs Abu

By Volt Contreras
and Norman Bordadora

THE ABU Sayyaf bandit group should "rethink its position" now that the United States is leading a unified coalition against international terrorism.

This is because the Mindanao-based terror group is currently the only one in the world holding American hostages, a congressman pointed out yesterday.

"There's a higher possibility of the US offering us troops or logistics to finally finish off the Abu Sayyaf, than the Philippines being asked to send soldiers to Afghanistan to help the US hunt down Osama bin Laden," said Rep. Prospero Pichay, chair of the House defense committee.

The Abu Sayyaf falls under the category of "international terrorists" as defined in the United Nations resolution declaring war on terrorism because of the number of hostages of different nationalities it has taken, Pichay said.

The self-styled extremist group is currently holding two Americans, couple Martin and Gracia Burnham, among the 18 hostages it seized from a Palawan resort over three months ago.

A third American hostage, Guillermo Sobero of California, has been presumed killed by the bandit group after nothing has been heard of him since the Abu Sayyaf claimed it had beheaded him.

Still, Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said, the Abu Sayyaf is only one phone call away from being tapped by Osama bin Laden in the war against the United States-led coalition against international terrorism.

Adan said Bin Laden's henchmen do not have to be physically present in the Philippines or constantly make contract with the local group to maintain their ties.

"The seeds (of their relationship) had been planted in the early '90s between Abu Sayyaf leader Khadafi Janjalani and the Bin Laden group," Adan told reporters.

"All it would take is one phone call from Bin Laden," he said.

Adan said that, therefore, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao were both correct when they made seemingly contrasting statements the other day regarding the relationship between Bin Laden and the Abu Sayyaf.

Tiglao had claimed contact between the two groups ceased in 1995, while Reyes said the strong ties between them only waned around that time.

"Both were correct because you don't have to maintain contact every day, every month to keep your links," Adan said.

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US 'expects' RP to rush laundering bill

By Christine O. Avendaño
and Jennie L. Ilustre

THE US expects the Philippine Congress to fast-track the approval of an anti-money laundering bill when it reconvenes on Sept. 24 as one way of countering international terrorism.

A US State Department official told the INQUIRER Wednesday the United States, through its Financial Action Task Force (FATF), "has had a good dialogue" with the Philippine government on this issue.

State's Philippines desk officer Chris M. Castro said the US expects the Philippines to pass the legislation soon.

This as the Philippine Senate starts floor deliberations next week on what some senators have described as a "flawed" and "haphazardly" written anti-money laundering bill.

Yesterday, the Senate approved its committee report on the anti-money laundering bill with a ceremonial signing of the report.

Basically, the proposed measure defines money laundering as a crime, creates a council to go after suspected money launderers, and prescribes that bank deposits should contain at least P1 million before they could be inspected for suspected dirty money.

Congress is rushing to meet the Sept. 30 deadline set by the FATF or risk sanctions that may affect the country's financial and banking systems.

As of yesterday, five senators had signed the Senate committee report, with Sen. Joker Arroyo doing so with "a lot of reservations and amendments."

The four others who signed the report without comment were Senators Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Francis Pangilinan, Robert Barbers and Juan Flavier.

Pangilinan, however, agreed with Arroyo that the committee report, which was based largely on proposals made by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, had its flaws.

Arroyo told reporters he signed the report with reservations because "it doesn't address the real problems of drug trafficking, kidnapping and terrorism," from which laundered money usually comes.

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Police have 8 new witnesses vs Lacson

By Alcuin Papa

THE PHILIPPINE National Police (PNP) has eight new witnesses, including a police officer, against Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, head of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), yesterday identified the police officer only as "Agent Morris."

Virgilio Publico, chief of the CIDG legal office, said his office would file up to seven charges against Lacson and his men after the CIDG had wrapped up its investigation.

Publico said the charges include buying and selling illegal drugs from a Hong Kong triad, "recycling" of confiscated drugs to be sold in the streets, kidnapping for ransom, robbery and summary execution.

The CIDG was given an extra four weeks by PNP chief Director General Leandro Mendoza to finish its investigation.

Gualberto said the CIDG would invite 17 active officers of the PNP and seven civilians in connection with the alleged involvement of Lacson and his men in criminal activities.

A team from the CIDG will also interview key witnesses against Lacson's group in Hong Kong.

The team is set to meet with Lau Yuat Queena; Wong Kam Chan, wife of Wong Kam Chong; Wong Ti Liu; Hong Qing Xin; Chong Chi Min, wife of a triad member; and Zeng Kang Fang, a sibling of Zeng Jian Xin. Chong and Zeng were reportedly among the kidnap victims of Lacson's men.

Gualberto said it was inviting the 24 police officers and civilians based on the documents provided by former anti-narcotics civilian agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong, a witness of the military's intelligence service against Lacson.

The Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) has accused Lacson of money laundering, drug trafficking, kidnapping, smuggling and summary execution.

"We have to invite 17 PNP personnel and seven civilians to give their statements, if they are willing, on the accusations of Rosebud," Gualberto said.

He declined to name the officers and civilians but said some were chief superintendents who were no longer holding key positions in the PNP hierarchy.

The seven civilians are confirmed to have knowledge of Oplan Athena and Oplan Cyclops.

Oplan Athena was supposed to be an anti-narcotics operation to penetrate a Hong Kong triad. But it turned into a drug trafficking operation run by top police officers with the help of the Binondo Central Bank, according to Ong.

She said Athena had the blessings of Lacson, then chief of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF), and was run by Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop, Supt. John Campos and other police officers.

Ong said Cyclops was the name of surveillance, wiretapping and kidnapping operations.

Based on Ong's documents, the CIDG could pin down Acop, Campos and Senior Supt. Francisco Villaroman to drug trafficking, Publico said.

Publico said there was strong indication that Lacson and two of his close aides at the defunct PAOCTF, Senior Superintendents Michael Ray Aquino and Cesar Mancao, were involved in illegal drug trade.

But Publico said the CIDG would need to find more evidence against them.

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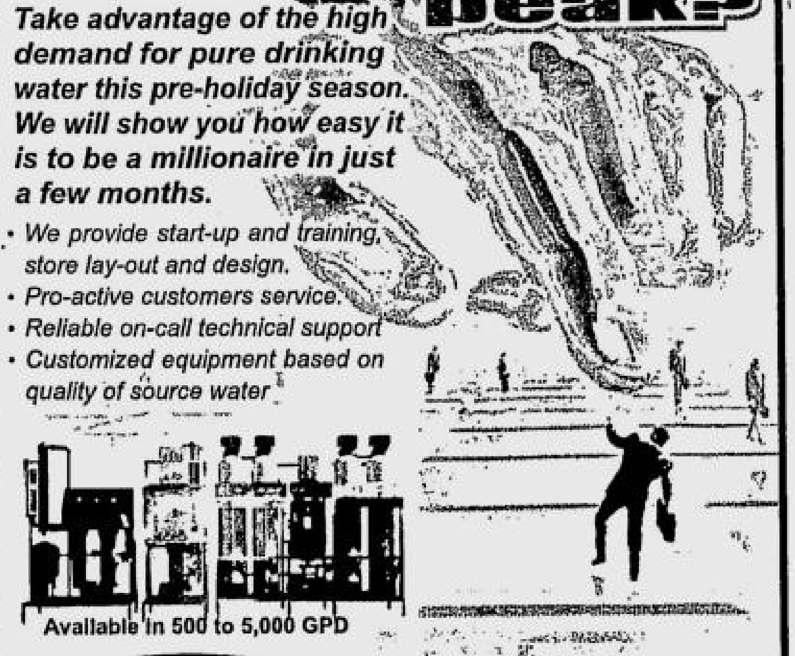

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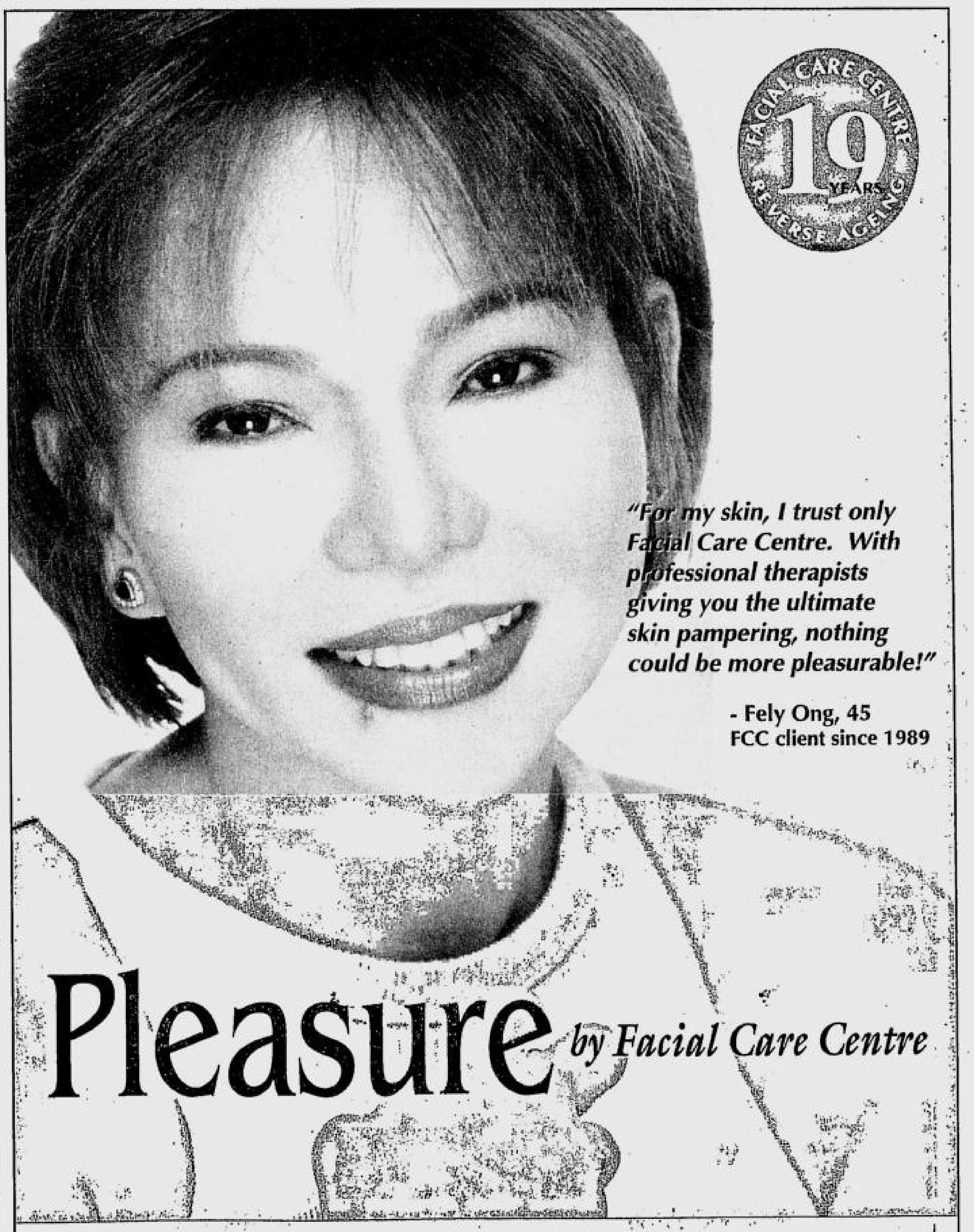

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No documents will prove Ping's innocence–Perez

By Cathy Yamsuan

JUSTICE Secretary Hernando Perez doubts whether the documents Sen. Panfilo Lacson plans to present before the Senate can prove that he is not involved in money laundering.

Perez said the documents, in order to be considered genuine, must be authenticated by the Philippine consul assigned to the country where Lacson acquired them.

"I really doubt if (Lacson) has any document to prove or to exculpate him(self) from (the Senate) investigation. What kind of documents does he plan to present? Let him show them to me and I will tell him the defects of those papers," Perez challenged Lacson in Filipino.

Asked whether the papers that Lacson had gathered in the US were fake, Perez replied in Taglish: "I don't mean that. What I'm saying is these are probably not relevant. Let him say what those papers are and I will tell you if (they have) any value whatsoever."

Lacson arrived in Manila Wednesday night after visiting the US to get the documents.

Lacson is apparently gearing for a showdown with military intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus, who had earlier told the media that the senator had stashed $211 million in various bank accounts in Hong Kong, Canada and the US.

The money is apart from other bank accounts he supposedly maintains jointly with either wife Alice or former President Joseph Estrada.

Corpus further alleged that the money came from kidnapping, drug traffic and smuggling.

Lacson refused to discuss the documents he gathered with reporters who covered his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

But Perez foresees that the papers would be limited to bank certificates denying the existence of his alleged accounts.

"But that's nothing. Even a certification from the bank must be authenticated by a Philippine consul. Without the authentication of the Philippine consul, it has no value. It has no probative value whatsoever," Perez said.

The justice secretary said it would be better if Lacson brought bank officials to the Philippines to testify on his behalf.

"What (Lacson) can probably do is bring the Citibank officials (to Manila) and let them testify here. But presenting papers that were not even authenticated will not gain him anything," Perez said.

But Perez's big problem now is how to counter Lacson's papers with his own proof of their existence.

Perez has been expecting the US Attorney General's Office, aided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide the evidence against Lacson before the Senate resumes its investigation on his supposed drug links next week.

Japanese trader shot dead in Cebu

By Kathy I. Navarro
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A Japanese businessman was killed while another was seriously wounded in an ambush staged by two unidentified men on board a motorcycle in Barangay Banilad yesterday morning.

Killed was Inasayoki Kuwadara, 72, of Nagoya Japan. He suffered a single bullet wound in the head.

His companion, Yushiaki Miwa, 49, was still in a critical condition after he was shot in the face.

Kuwadara owns Art Hawk Stone in Nagoya that sells construction materials and decorative fiberglass. Miwa, who is based in Cebu City and is married to a Filipina, is Kuwadara's agent.

Norbert Antiquando, Kuwadara's supplier of fiberglass materials, said he fetched the two Japanese nationals from their hotel in Barangay Lahug this city.

He said he was supposed to bring them to his fiberglass factory in Barangay Tawason, Mandaue City. Antiquando drove his Toyota Tamaraw while Miwa took the front seat and Kuwadara, in the passenger seat.

The vehicle was forced to stop for a red light upon reaching an intersection near Gaisano Country Mall in Barangay Banilad.

Armed pilots eyed

By D. Pazzibugan

THE COUNTRY'S chief aviation official is in favor of arming pilots and assigning "secret marshals" inside airplanes to thwart hijackers who may be on suicidal missions similar to what occurred in the United States last week.

Air Transportation Office chief Adelberto Yap, a retired general, said he will support such proposed security measures during a meeting of aviation officials worldwide next week in Montreal, Canada.

"We're proposing to arm the pilots with Uzis (machine guns)... Of course they have to learn how to use them," Yap told reporters during a breakfast forum in Manila yesterday.

He said the terrorists who hijacked US domestic planes that later slammed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were able to threaten the pilots with simple cutters.

He believes this would not have happened if the pilots had guns.

Asked if such measure would be considered too drastic, Yap retorted: "Right now you have to assume that if there is a hijacker, this person is suicidal. So will you allow a situation like what happened (in the US)?"

On Sept. 24, the International Council on Aviation Organizations (ICAO) will meet to discuss new security measures for airlines to prevent another terrorist attack as done in the US recently.

Isolation

Yap said he will propose to "isolate" the pilots by "padlocking" the cockpit to prevent terrorists from getting to them.

He will propose instead that monitoring equipment should be installed inside the cockpit so the pilots can still monitor the plane's interiors.

He said he is also in favor of training the cabin crew "to detect terrorists."

Yap, however, admitted that he still has to discuss the idea of using secret marshals with the airline companies.

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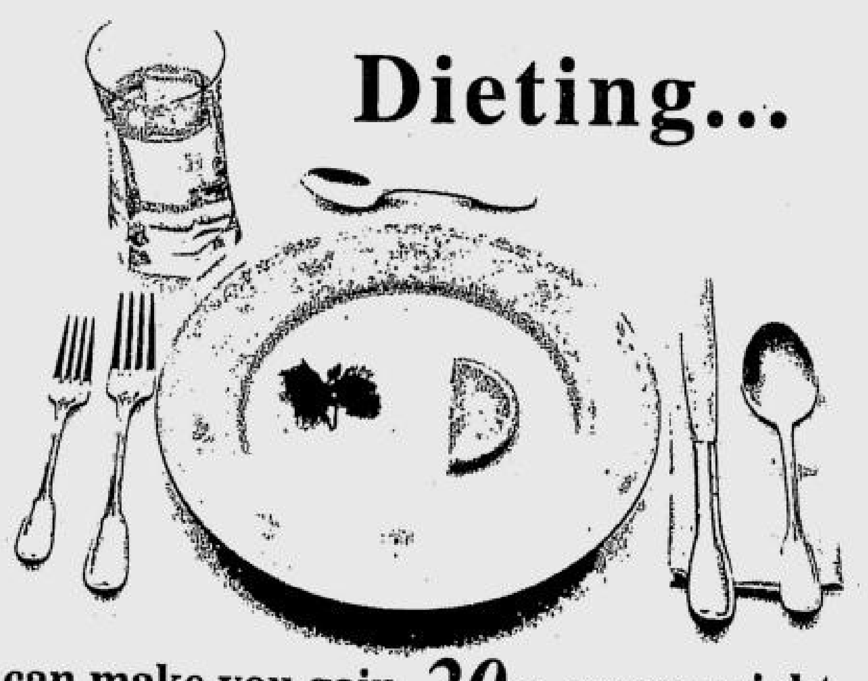

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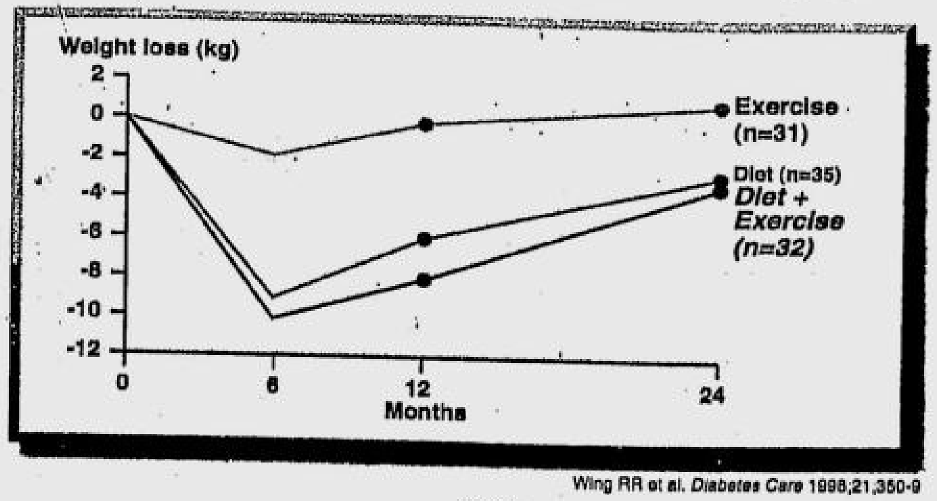

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Anti-graft commissioner quits

By Martin P. Marfil

MALACAÑANG yesterday said the chief of the Presidential Commission Against Graft and Corruption, Eufemio Domingo, has resigned from his post.

According to presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao, the resignation was submitted about two days ago.

"According to his letter of resignation... he doesn't feel that he should continue his work as chair of the presidential anti-graft commission. No reason was given," Tiglao said.

No replacement was named to the post and a search would have to be launched, Tiglao said.

Tiglao said that Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo was supposed to talk to Domingo yesterday about the possibility of transferring the former PCAGC chief to an office in Malacañang.

"It would be more to his liking to help Malacañang in an advisory capacity... to undertake the final review of anti-graft cases," Tiglao explained.

He added that President Macapagal-Arroyo wants the PCAGC to focus "on certain corruption practices" using the civil service law as some "kind of weapon" to rid government of corrupt public servants.

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DOH needs P20M for firetrap hospitals

By G. Lacuarta

HEALTH Secretary Manuel Dayrit Jr. yesterday said the Department of Health would spend around P20 million to install fire safety devices and systems in four state-run hospitals, which had been recommended for closure by the Bureau of Fire Protection for being firetraps.

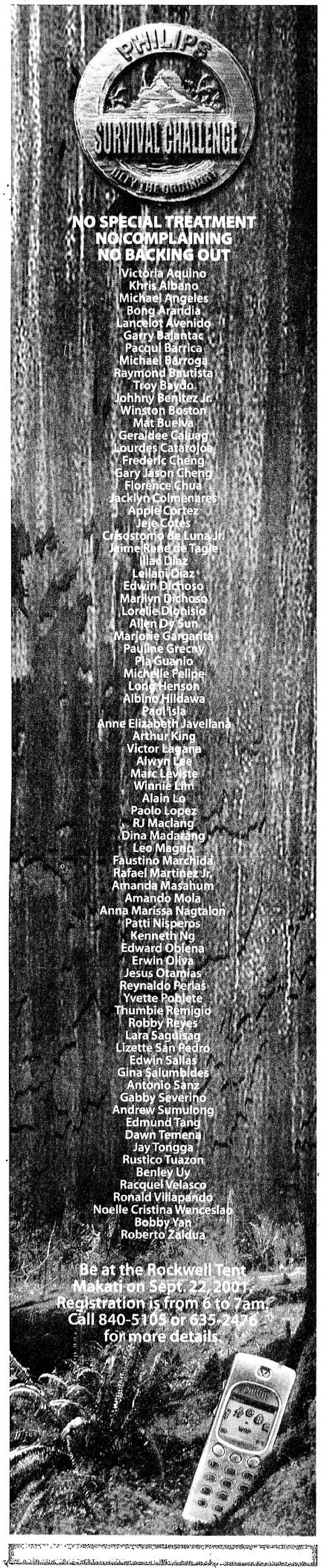
Dayrit said the four hospitals, namely the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, San Lazaro Hospital, Tondo Medical Center and Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, all located in densely populated districts of Manila, shall remain open while renovations and improvements on the buildings are being done.

Among the corrective measures now being implemented in these hospitals are renovation of fire alarm systems, procurement and installation of automatic battery-operated emergency lights, renovation of fire escapes, installation of automatic fire suppression systems and fire extinguishers.

But Dayrit said DOH was also prepared to vacate the said structures if the BFP determines that repairs and improvements would not suffice. The said hospitals serve indigent patients mostly from Manila's poor communities and surrounding provinces.

Dayrit said while the DOH had P15 million to P20 million in available funds, the DOH was looking for "extra-budgetary sources to fund these major repairs."

Dayrit said the DOH will be implementing the repairs and corrective measures while keeping the hospitals open so as not to disrupt the delivery of health services, unless in cases where the repairs call for major structural renovations such the affected areas have to be closed.



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Erap lawyer to skip trial start

By Donna S. Cueto

LAWYERS of former President Joseph Estrada yesterday said that they would not attend the Oct. 1 start of trial in the plunder case, with at least one of them citing "religious" devotion as reason for his absence.

Lawyer Jose Flaminiano said that he was scheduled to accompany his wife, Teresita, to Tarlac as part of her devotion to St. Therese.

He told the three justices of the Sandiganbayan's Third Division that he could not just let his wife go to Tarlac alone.

"Could you not go back in the afternoon?" Associate Justice Anacleto Badoy Jr. asked after his explanation. The trial in the plunder case starts at 2 p.m.

But Flaminiano said he could not do that.

"St. Therese is very close to our hearts," he said. He added that his wife who was even named after the saint was so religious.

There are five nuns in the family, he explained.

But Ombudsman Aniano Desierto said that this was just another deliberate attempt by the defense to delay the case.

"I think St. Therese herself would want us to conduct a speedy trial (in this case)," he said in open court to rebut Flaminiano.

"My wife is (named) Teresita, too," he added, eliciting laughs from those inside the courtroom, including Associate Justice Teresita Leonardo-de Castro.

Desierto said that the trial should proceed on Oct. 1 as scheduled unless there would be a restraining order from the Supreme Court.

"We have to go on with the trial. A speedy trial is also to the interest of the accused," he said.

Another defense lawyer, Felix Carao, said, "If the court will push through with the trial on Oct. 1, the accused will not have any counsel present that day."

He said the defense lawyers were never consulted by the court.

Defense lawyers said that they could only attend the trial hearings starting November.

Another defense lawyer, Cleofe Verzola, said that she could not attend the October hearings because she would have to go to her 91-year-old mother in the US who was suffering from a heart ailment.

Flaminiano said that the law allowed the defense to have adequate time to prepare for the trial.

But Desierto said that all that the defense lawyers would have to do in this initial trial dates is to listen to the prosecution witnesses.

He promised to bring in the "big name" witnesses on Oct. 1, such as Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson and Equitable-PCIBank official Clarissa Ocampo, just to show to that court and the defense that the prosecution is ready.

He also faulted the defense for not presenting to the court properly their legal calendar. He said religious or personal reasons were not enough grounds not to attend court hearings which had been long scheduled.

Meanwhile, Dr. Roberto Anastacio, the attending cardiologist of accused Jinggoy Estrada, again testified yesterday, claiming that the heart injury of the former San Juan mayor is "continuing."

During his testimony, he made a direct plea to the court for Jinggoy to be allowed to go home because of his allegedly very serious heart condition.

Deputy Prosecutor Roberto Kallos, however, downplayed his plea, saying that if this was true, then there was all the more reason for Jinggoy to continue his stay at the Veterans' Memorial Medical Center.

The doctor would continue his testimony on Tuesday and Thursday.

Ombudsman Desierto said that the prosecutors still have to cross-examine Dr. Anastacio, and interview other cardiologists and doctors at the Philippine General Hospital who would be asked their views about Jinggoy's heart condition.

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Naia 3 builders file suit vs accusers

By Abigail L. Ho

A CORPORATION and three of its directors involved in the construction of the new international airport terminal has sued some officers of the airport concessionaires' group that sued them earlier.

Wintrack Builders Inc. and three of its directors, who were not identified, filed yesterday a P12-million lawsuit against MIA-Naia Association of Service Operators (Maso) president Jovino Lorenzo Jr. and spokesperson Perfecto Yasay Jr.

In a seven-page complaint filed with the Quezon City Regional Trial Court, the plaintiffs accused Yasay and Lorenzo of filing their case against Wintrack and several individuals and companies before the wrong venue.

Maso had filed a P76-million plunder case against Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez with the Office of the Ombudsman on Sept. 10 for alleged overpricing through Wintrack of certain components of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 construction project.

Part owners

Alvarez and his wife were part owners of Wintrack but claimed to have divested themselves of their shares.

Maso, a group of airport concessionaires, also filed criminal charges against Naia 3 contractor Philippine International Air Terminals Co. Inc. (Piatco), its ground handling services arm, the Philippine Airport and Ground Services, and top airport officials, including general manager Edgardo Manda.

Wintrack and its directors said in their complaint the defendants should have filed their case before a regional trial court which would have nullified the government's allegedly disadvantageous build-operate-transfer contract with Piatco.

The complainants also accused Lorenzo and Yasay with trying to block Alvarez's confirmation as transportation secretary before the Commission on Appointments.

"Their complaint-affidavit necessarily implies that President Macapagal-Arroyo committed a mistake in appointing Alvarez as Department of Transportation and Communications secretary," the complaint said.

Falsified affidavit

It also stated that Maso had submitted a "falsified affidavit of Venner Mendoza," the witness on whose testimony Maso had built its whole case against Wintrack.

It claimed that Lorenzo had approached Mendoza with a $200,000 bribe to testify against Alvarez, Wintrack, Piatco and the other accused parties.

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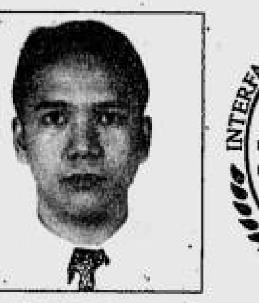
Arman V. Estrada, a graduate of Interface Computer College bested entries of other schools in the National Capital Region to be its representative in the Philippines National Skills Competition of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The event will be held in Davao City from September 22 to 30, 2001 with 61 different categories.

Estrada, who won a gold award in the TESDA district level will compete in the Mechanical Engineering Drafting - Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (MED-CADD) Open Category. There were two other Interface district gold medalists as well.

As a reigning champion in the country's premiere region, Estrada faces contestants from various localities all over the archipelago. Granting stiff competition, coach Roseller L. Santos, is unfazed because of Estrada's student track record and competition-bred talent. Training exercises included mastery of the measuring tools used in precision engineering work.

A consistent participant in TESDA competitions, Interface Computer College whose main campus is in Manila has branches in the cities of Caloocan, Cebu, Iloilo and Davao offering degree and short-term courses in a full IT environment as authorized by the Commission on Higher Education.



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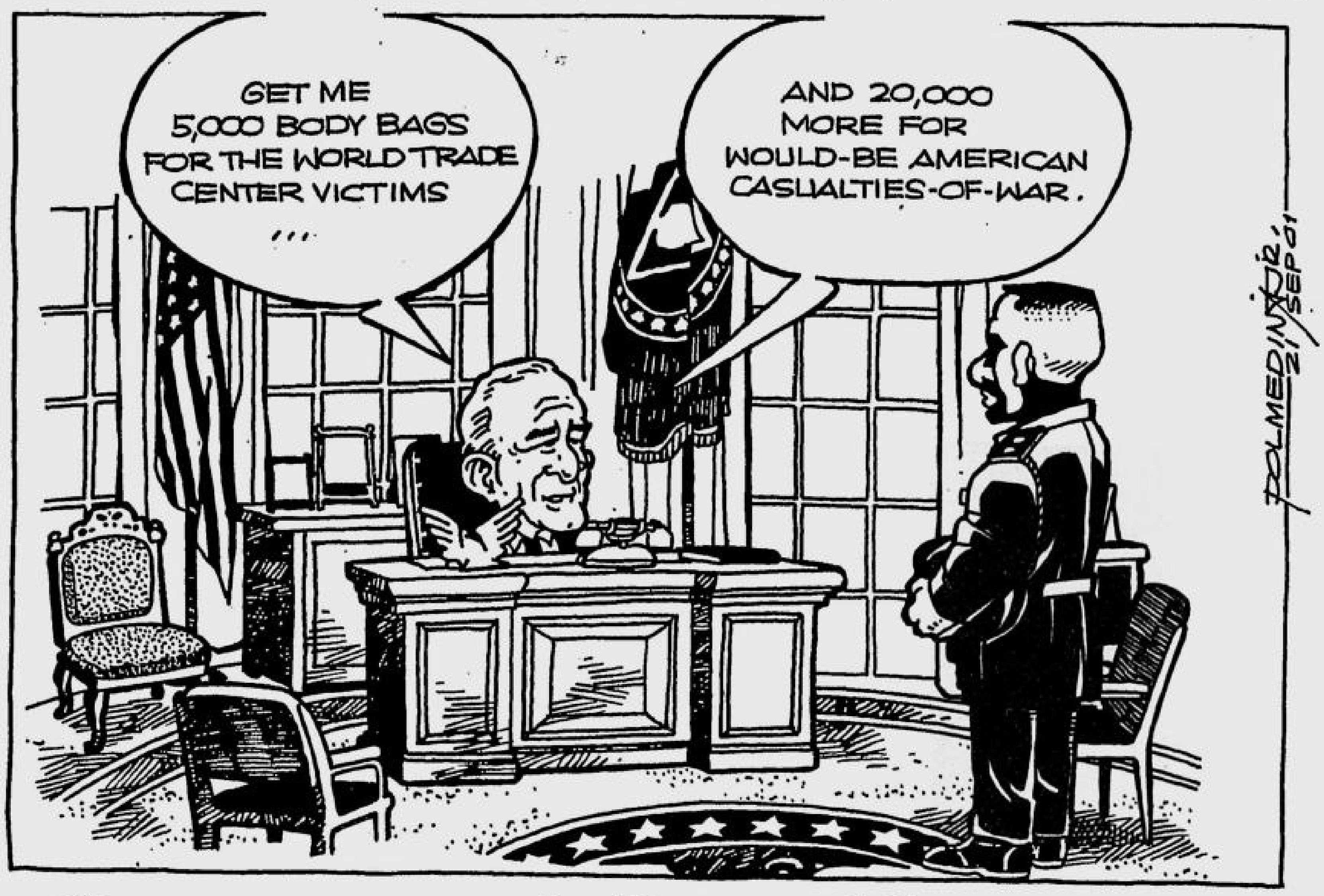
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Ironies

EDITORIAL

IN ONE of the many ironies of his life and career, Joseph Estrada is now challenging the constitutionality of the plunder law. It is this law that allows—or more precisely, compels—the government to keep Estrada under detention. And it is this law that may yet send the ousted president to death row. The irony is that as a senator in 1991, Estrada voted for the passage of the law, which was meant to ensure that the large-scale thievery that happened during the Marcos regime would not be repeated. The smaller irony is that one of Estrada's lawyers, former Sen. Rene Saguisag, also voted for the bill, although he is quick to point out that both he and Estrada were no longer in the Senate when Congress raised the penalty for violators to death in 1993.

The law defines plunder as a series of criminal acts committed by a public official either by himself or in connivance with others leading to the accumulation of P50 million or more in ill-gotten wealth. Estrada's lawyers have told the Supreme Court that the law is so vaguely worded that applying it to him constitutes a violation of his constitutional right to be informed clearly of the charges being brought against him. A law that is clear should be understood by a person of ordinary intelligence. They also argued that the specific acts enumerated in the plunder law are already covered by other laws, making it confusing. Why should stringing several criminal acts together constitute a separate and more serious offense? the lawyers asked.

Associate Justice Vicente Mendoza sought to clear the confusion by telling Estrada's lawyers that there are such things in law as complex crimes. Robbery and homicide, he explained, become more serious crimes requiring a heavier penalty when committed by the same person in one instance. Still the issue is for the whole Court to ultimately decide.

There is another irony here. In very difficult cases, justices usually refer to the record of the deliberations in Congress to determine the meaning and spirit of the law. But here we have two lawmakers asking the justices to interpret for them the meaning of a law they helped pass. Not only that, they are begging the Court to declare that they were wrong in passing the law.

Estrada has said he had nothing to do with the crafting of the plunder law. The reason he voted for it was that it was introduced and supported by his party, he explained. Another case of following the leader and deciding without thinking, in other words. Which was par for Estrada who authored a grand total of one law in his three years as senator.

What about Saguisag? Did he also just go with the tide? Or was he so ignorant of the Constitution that he did not see the constitutional flaw in the law that the Estrada defense team now sees?

But then such a challenge is only to be expected from the high-powered (and richly compensated?) defense team. If the law is declared unconstitutional, Estrada immediately goes free, since the other charges he is facing—perjury and graft and corruption—are bailable offenses. More importantly, Estrada will avoid the death penalty. Thus the question had to be raised, even if it meant exposing Estrada and Saguisag to have been less than diligent and perceptive as lawmakers.

In the meantime, the case drags on, and Estrada is starting to lose his patience. "I have been suffering for five months already," he complained. "It is a great injustice to me." Maybe he should change his lawyers so that the trial can proceed swiftly, and he can go home free once the Sandiganbayan finds him not guilty.

Defective reliance

FOREIGN COMMENT

THE CURRENT woes of the emerging Asian tigers can be traced solely to the economic slowdowns in the United States and Japan, both major trading partners for the troubled economies. Among other onslaughts, the emerging Asian markets have been hit squarely by the end of the US information technology business boom.

According to some estimates, Asia's exports of IT-related products account for about 40 percent of the region's recent economic growth. Given that Singapore and Taiwan are leading exporters in that category, the slowdown in these economies seems a given.

The dollar's continued decline has adversely affected these economies' export drive. Chances are slim that the situation will take a turn for the better.

The ongoing development in the emerging Asian markets have demonstrated anew the defects inherent in their excessively heavy reliance on exports. The lesson drawn from this, bitter as it is, must be taken to heart.

Asian economies must further diversify their industries so as to encourage each economy to focus on an industrial area in which it excels.

Yomiuri Shimbun (Tokyo)

The controversy at the Bureau of Customs, Part 3

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

SGS, the European company that has a P5.4 billion claim from the Bureau of Customs for inspecting import shipments to the Philippines, sent comments on this column of last Sept. 10, which dwelt on the problems with its claim and the mysterious plot to replace the chair of the BoC-SGS review team, Deputy Commissioner Emma M. Rosqueta. The career customs official refuses to sign the recommendation to pay SGS P5 billion, hence the alleged attempt to kick her out and have somebody else sign the recommendation.

First, the background: Malacañang has appointed an outsider, a Gil M. Valera—a leader of "Jeep ni Erap," ironically—to the position of Rosqueta. The problem is there is no vacancy. Rosqueta has not been legally removed from office. She has not been convicted of any crime. The Constitution and pertinent laws say nobody can be removed from the service without just cause and due process. Yet Ms. Rosqueta is being removed without just cause and without due process.

They say Ms Rosqueta has no Ceso (Career Executive Service Officer) eligibility. But neither has Mr. Valera. Why replace her with someone less qualified in terms of appointment and merit? Besides, she was appointed deputy commissioner in July 1998, when she was 59 years, and 8 months old, and therefore exempted from the requirement under 9.3 of IV Qualification Requirements.

It is said that a Deputy Commissioner Manahan may replace Rosqueta as chair of the BoC-SGS review committee but the reason is very obvious. Manahan is pro-SGS. She is 70 years old, and has in fact, already retired, but was extended, according to Rosqueta, to protect SGS.

Another BoC official who has been extended is Customs Commissioner Titus Villanueva who should have compulsorily retired last Sept. 13 when he reached the age of 65. His term was extended for six months, enough time for him to protect his acts as chair of the SGS Appeals Committee (where he acted on 20,000 cases but the government collection was only 30 to 50 percent of the correct taxes and duties due) so that the SGS claim can be paid during his incumbency.

* * *

But in fairness, let us give the floor to the SGS comments on our column, followed by Ms Rosqueta's rejoinder to the SGS comments. Here they are:

The column tackled the following issues:

1. Malacañang is bent on replacing a BoC official not accused of any offense.

SGS: "This is not true. Ms Rosqueta has a case with the Sandiganbayan, Criminal Case 26040, 2nd division, filed on May 22, 2000, for violation of Section 3e, RA 3019."

Rosqueta: "The case was filed against me because I acquitted customs employees recommended for termination. It does not involve any form of corruption, bribery, misappropriation, malversation, swindling, falsification, or smuggling. It was based on my issuance of an order that reversed a predecessor's order recommending the termination of customs employees. The complainant claimed that by virtue of such official action, I committed a crime under the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act by causing undue injury to the government and giving unwarranted benefits to private parties.

"The decision was recommended by the BoC Legal Service and implemented by me in the valid exercise of my prerogatives to correct an erroneous decision of my predecessor. The act was done by me for and under the instructions of the Commissioner of Customs who at no time disowned these acts nor in the least intimated that my signing of the questioned decision for and in his behalf was unauthorized."

2. Rosqueta does not want to approve the claim of SGS because of questionable billings.

SGS: "This is not true. In the May 2, 2001 report of the SGS-BoC Review Team which Rosqueta heads, she has agreed to setting aside the amount of CHF 104,677,347.98 as already payable to SGS. This is approximately P3 billion. Moreover, in a separate letter to the Department of Finance dated July 5, 2001, Rosqueta confirmed that the 'the P2,951,198.19 may no longer be contested and payment (to SGS) may be effected.'"

Rosqueta: "Payment may be effected subject to accounting, auditing and budgeting rules and regulations."

3. SGS contract doing more harm than good to the country.

SGS: "The contrary is true. For the 12-year period that SGS was contracted by the Philippine government to conduct pre-shipment inspection services, SGS raised about P68 billion in additional revenues while the cost was only P30 billion."

Rosqueta: "For 12 years, the BoC was above target for only five years." (Statistics show that it was below target by as much as 14.4 percent for seven years until 1998.)

(*To be continued on Monday*)

Reminders

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

IT was in fact Sept. 23, 1972 when Marcos declared martial law, and not Sept. 21. Sept. 23 was a Saturday, and Marcos chose to strike at midnight that day (or shortly after Friday night) because the following day was a holiday. That preempted rallies by students, which had greeted his experiment a year earlier to suspend the writ of habeas corpus. But a firm believer in the magic of numbers, indeed in his luck lying in those that were multiples of seven, he elected to antedate the proclamation to Sept. 21, which was a Thursday. He was not beyond lying even to himself when it suited his purposes.

But whatever the exact date when martial law was declared, I should think it is especially worth recalling today. Among the reasons Marcos cited for it were two that should hold particular significance for us. First was the deteriorating state of peace and order. Criminality, he said, was rampant, the product of social unrest and the perception that government was powerless to do anything about it. The sense of drift, he said, was encouraging all sorts of lowlife to crawl out of the woodwork. Second was the reign of anarchy and chaos, characterized by terrorist actions by enemies of the republic. Shortly before martial law, a series of bombings took place in Greater Manila (as it was then called) and nearby places.

Those are the two reasons we are also citing today to justify if not martial law at least martial-law type measures to solve our problems. Criminality and terrorism are the two reasons we are invoking for taking shortcuts and doing away with due process and civil rights.

There are of course differences. The most obvious one being that Marcos himself was the source of the disease he proposed to cure while we are merely the victims of it. If criminality was on the rise, it was because of Marcos above all. Before the end of his first term, he had become the country's No. 1 warlord having turned the entire military and police establishment by dint of carrot and stick, patronage and intimidation, into his own private army. The elections of 1971, when he became the first reelected president of the country, was the bloodiest in all of Philippine politics, earning for the country a reputation for violence hitherto confined only to the most politically unstable countries in Latin America. And if terror gripped the country, it was also because of Marcos above all. The bombings in Metro Manila were his handiwork.

But all this may not blind us to the dangers of martial-law type measures to curb or stop criminality and terrorism, even if we are not ourselves the cause of them. I say this because over the past several months, we have been especially inclined to adopt Alfredo Lim's adage that human rights do not apply to "human wrongs." An adage that presumes we already know the "human wrongs," which is a determination democratic societies have traditionally assigned to due process and not to gung-ho cops, many of whom easily fit into the category themselves.

The Senate hearing on Panfilo Lacson shows how far we have gone in our willingness to take shortcuts. Without any witness coming out to directly testify against him, we have nonetheless been loudly asking for sanctions to be imposed on him—in the name of fighting criminality. One lawyer would write me to say that a Senate hearing, unlike a trial, has a looser structure and does not require the kind of proof a court does for it to go on. True, but who's asking for proof beyond a reasonable doubt about Lacson's guilt in the Senate hearing? All we're asking is a reasonable basis to suppose Lacson laundered money, pushed drugs, kidnapped and murdered, as Victor Corpus charges. Corpus hasn't provided that.

One letter-writer—his letter appeared on the Letters section—hit the nail on the head when he said he was reminded of martial law when not just the courts but the citizens themselves didn't give a damn that someone was convicted without proof because he was a communist anyway. We only changed the label from communist to narco-politician.

Just as well, the swath of terror cut by the Abu Sayyaf has made us only too willing, and eager, to respond to it in kind. Government declares a news blackout on Basilan and soldiers start rounding up Muslim local officials, and we say well and fine, that is war, they are casualties of war. Even if experience shows that a military operation couched in secrecy produces more harm than good—the hearing on the collusion between military officials and the Abu Sayyaf suggests just how great the harm can be. Even if experience shows that arrests without warrant produce more terrorists in the persons of the arresters than there were to begin with.

The attack on New York, and the subsequent shrill calls for annihilating international terrorism "at all costs," has only made things worse. If we have been clinging at all to any sense of restraint, we are fast losing our grip. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of all-out support for any action George Bush—the fellow who made Colin Powell look like a bleeding-heart liberal, by even Time's reckoning—might take against America's enemies shows so.

Looking back, the ease with which Marcos declared martial law did not just owe to the fact that he was backed up by Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. It also owed to the fact that he was backed up by the majority of the citizens, who had gotten fed up with murder and mayhem and thought Marcos could actually stop them. And he did—during the first year of martial law. Warlords surrendered their guns, and people stopped jaywalking for fear of being shot. Martial law did stop crime and terrorism at first, only to unleash unprecedented (its favorite adjective) levels of crime and terrorism later on. Indeed, only to become the very embodiment of crime and terror later on.

People who take shortcuts do not always get to where they are going faster. More often than not, they never get there at all.

Drastic changes

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE SUICIDE bombing attacks in New York and Washington have not only drastically changed the character of warfare in the first year of the 21st century but have also shocked the United States into realizing how vulnerable it is to unconventional forms of conflict.

The bombings were the first time the American mainland came under attack since 1812, when the British navy shelled Washington. Before the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington, Japan brought the war to US territory on Dec. 7, 1941, when it bombed Pearl Harbor, crippling the US Pacific Fleet and preventing the United States from effectively retaliating against Japan for more than two years.

Pearl Harbor was assaulted by kamikaze pilots and dive bombers sinking the US fleet and smashing military installations, and the shock of the attack ended US isolation from the conflict in Europe. The attack plunged the world into a truly global war with theaters in both the Pacific and Atlantic. It expanded the conflict from what began with the invasion of Poland in September 1939, widening the war into the Western and Eastern Fronts.

The Sept. 11 attacks blasted the notion of impregnable Fortress America—i.e., the mainland United States untouched by alien military violence for nearly 200 years. The attacks came as the United States stood out as the solitary superpower colossus after the collapse of the Soviet-led communism in 1989. That a small group terrorists armed with Third World low-tech weapons—knives and cardboard cutters—crashed hijacked commercial airliners on targets filled with civilians was beyond the imagination of nearly everyone around the world.

The attacks, carried out with treachery and victimizing mostly civilians, abruptly jolted the United States' drift into isolationism whose landmarks were the trends in President George W. Bush's administration toward going it alone in missile defense policies, environmental policies and nuclear non-proliferation policies, brushing aside closer cooperation on such policies with the US' European allies. The Bush administration was turning its back on the concept of solidarity with Atlantic allies when the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Suddenly, the United States was shocked to know it needed allies not only from its traditional Atlantic allies forming the North Atlantic Treaty Organization but also from most of the world. Terrorism is a new form of conflict that is not defined by state territories, conventional battlefields and armies. It is a seamless war in which enemies are unknown and move in the shadows, slipping across national borders.

Some scholars believe that the Sept. 11 attacks have struck a blow to the resurgence of American isolationist tendencies. One of them is Francis Fukuyama, professor of international political economy ad Johns Hopkins University and author of the highly provocative book, "The End of History."

Writing for the Financial Times on the Sept. 15-16 weekend, Fukuyama said that "the changes that will follow the September 11 attacks, I suspect, will not produce a more repressive, intolerant, xenophobic, fractured, or isolationist American."

Indeed, he writes, "there are reasons for thinking that the tragedy may actually make American society stronger and more unified at home, and more constructively involved internationally."

Fukuyama writes:

"This shared victimization powerfully reminds Americans that they are all in the end mutually dependent members of the same community. The World Trade Center attack will also lead to salutary changes in America's relationship to the outside world. Over the past decade, both Republicans and Democrats have flirted with isolationism: with the former it takes the form of a rejection of global engagement; with the latter it is a matter of economic protectionism and an unwillingness to fund defense.

"Now and for the foreseeable future, isolationism is off the table. No one should underestimate how angry Americans are, and what lengths they will go to see that their attackers are punished. Before Tuesday, there was a big argument over whether the United States could fund a paltry $18B increase in defense spending; now, much larger sums are in store whether or not a budget surplus exists. Priorities will change as well: missile defense will remain an objective, but will likely fall in priority relative to requirements for better intelligence, power projection and capabilities to deal with so-called 'asymmetric' threats.

"But the bigger change will be psychological. Not since Pearl Harbor has an enemy been able to kill Americans on American soil, and that was in far-off Hawaii; Washington, D.C. has been inviolable since the British burned the White House in the war of 1812.

"This has laid the ground for a certain kind of exceptionalism in American foreign policy: US territory was always a safe haven; the United States typically considered the pros and cons of intervention in foreign countries, but never had to contend with foreign countries intervening in the United States. The consequences entailed by past US interventions were borne either by American allies, or by US interests abroad, and never directly by US citizens.

"The Gulf War and Kosovo were utterly antiseptic in this regard, and set up expectations that the United States could shape events without cost in American lives. This has now changed.

"What is today labeled 'asymmetrical' warfare has actually become symmetrical in the sense that America's enemies have for the first time developed the capability to reach out and touch Americans directly in response to US actions. This means, of course, that isolation is not an option. But it also sets up a kind of deterrence, in which the United States for the first time will have to consider the direct costs of its actions. This will not ultimately constrain the United States from acting, but it will force on it a certain kind of realism as it interacts with the world."

Sights, sounds, words of anger and love

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

SHOULD the site of the downed twin towers of the World Trade Center be preserved—rubble, ruins and all—as a memorial to the thousands who died in the dastardly attack?

Or should the property owners lose no time in rebuilding, perhaps daring to go even higher, to show whoever were behind Tuesday's assault that they didn't—can't—win?

If some Americans would have their way, there would be not just two but five new towers, roughly in the shape of the human hand, with the middle tower rising cockily in approximation of the classic gesture of defiance.

Someone sent me ".jpg" files on the "new" WTC, and the sight is really hilarious. The images also came with a view of the Statue of Liberty, holding aloft not a "golden lamp" but the severed head of someone who looks like Osama bin Laden.

Great fun, but the provocative images just go to show the extent of popular anger and fury at last week's events. Even as the attacks and their aftermath would seem to have brought out the best in Americans, the raging emotions they provoked may have also dredged up the worst of human nature: racism, jingoism, suspicion and reckless bravado. And it doesn't help any that American leaders, Dubya foremost among them, are acting like schoolyard bullies spoiling for a fight.

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NOT all Americans, though, are inclined to join in the blood lust. Even now, a diverse coalition of Americans, among them such prominent personalities as civil rights icon Rosa Parks, actor Danny Glover, social activist Gloria Steinem and singer Harry Belafonte, are leading a citizens' coalition calling for "justice not vengeance" in the wake of Tuesday's tragedy.

In a recently released statement, a number of business, environmental, religious and civil society leaders, speaking out against war as the solution to terrorism, argued that a "military response would not end the terror." Instead, they called for "bringing the terrorists to justice under the rule of law" and denounced what they call the erosion of civil liberties.

While calling for a response to the Sept. 11 disaster that is "prompt, just and effective," the signers question whether "a military response will end the terror. As citizens of this great nation we support the efforts being made to find those behind the acts of terror. Bringing them to Justice under the rule of law—not military action—is the way to end the violence."

According to a news report, the statement is "one of many which are being developed by civil society groups including religious leaders and academics calling for justice rather than revenge." Newspaper advertisements and other initiatives are being planned. Reports from around the United States indicate that activism is being planned throughout the coming months. Indeed, students at 82 campuses in 25 states were scheduled yesterday to hold peace rallies and vigils to call for restraint and reconciliation, especially from the US government.

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SO many words have been said and written about the events of the past week or so. Many have been moving, others profound and insightful. Others, especially from the mouths of TV anchors and experts-for-hire, have been merely tiresome and threadbare.

I have Mariel Francisco, student of culture and history and the cosmic ties that bind us all, to thank for this piece written by novelist Ian McEwan and published in the Guardian, a British newspaper. He doesn't actually say anything new, but he sums up, as only a true artist can, what those events, and people's reactions, can teach us beyond the horror and the anger.

I'm reprinting excerpts here, but you can access the full text at the Guardian's website.

"Emotions have their narrative; after the shock we move inevitably to the grief, and the sense that we are doing it more or less together is one tiny scrap of consolation. Initially, the visual impact of the scenes—those towers collapsing with malign majesty—extended our state of fevered astonishment. Even on Wednesday, fresh video footage froze us in this stupefied condition, and denied us our profounder feelings: the first plane disappearing into the side of the tower as cleanly as a posted letter; the couple jumping into the void, hand in hand; a solitary figure falling with a strangely extended arm (was it an umbrella serving as a hopeful parachute?); the rescue workers crawling about at the foot of a vast mountain of rubble.

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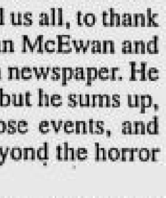
"THE MOBILE phone has inserted itself into every crevice of our daily lives. Now, in catastrophe, if there is time en ough, it is there in our dying moments. All through Thursday we heard from the bereaved how they took those last calls. Whatever the immediate circumstances, what was striking was what they had in common. A new technology has shown us an ancient, human universal.

"A San Francisco husband slept through his wife's call from the World Trade Center. The tower was burning around her, and she was speaking on her mobile phone. She left her last message to him on the answering machine. A TV station played it to us, while it showed the husband standing there listening. Somehow, he was able to bear hearing it again. We heard her tell him through her sobbing that there was no escape for her. The building was on fire and there was no way down the stairs. She was calling to say goodbye. There was really only one thing for her to say, those three words that all the terrible art, the worst pop songs and movies, the most seductive lies, can somehow never cheapen. I love you. She said it over and again before the line went dead. And that is what they were all saying down their phones, from the hijacked planes and the burning towers. There is only love, and then oblivion. Love was all they had to set against the hatred of their murderers."

Blair and Robertson on CD-Rom

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



BLAIR and Robertson or "BR" is the short-cut historians use when referring to the massive 55-volume set of historical documents titled, "The Philippines Islands, 1493-1898: explorations by early navigators, descriptions of the Islands and their peoples, their history and the records of the Catholic missions, as related in contemporaneous manuscripts, showing the political, economic, commercial and religious conditions of these islands from their earliest relations with European nations to the close of the 19th century." Compiled by Emma Helen Blair (1851-1911) and James Alexander Robertson this work was originally published by the Arthur Clark Co. of Cleveland from 1903-1909. As an invaluable reference for Filipino historians BR was reprinted in Taiwan in 1962 and in Manila by Cacho Hermanos in 1974. This year the Bank of he Philippine Islands (BPI) reissued "BR" in a two CD-Rom set.

Unless you are being eased out of your house by books you cannot imagine how earthshaking the BPI CD-Rom set can be. The first edition "BR" occupies eight linear feet of shelf space; the slimmer Taiwan edition, printed on toilet paper, takes up four linear feet; and the Cacho Hermanos set, compressed 55 volumes into 19 volumes thick as telephone directories, still measures three linear feet of space. My first BR set was the 19 volume Cacho Hermanos reprint which I had broken up and rebound into 55 volumes. It was a tedious process, but at least I could take the books to bed with me. Then I acquired a Taiwan set long before technology revolutionized our affair with books. The BR on CD-Rom I can actually carry in my pocket, the only consideration is that I need a compatible computer that can read the CD-Rom. Since BR has been out of print for a long time some researchers have been desperate enough to buy photocopied sets. I think that the BR on CD-Rom will be one of the enduring projects of the BPI centennial. Not only is the BPI announcing its place in our history but by distributing complimentary sets throughout the country through the National Library it is encouraging a sense of history in people who will now have access to BR.

My first encounter with Blair and Robertson was through an undergraduate Philippine history class under Helen Tubangui who told us to go over the two volume analytical index and pick a research topic based on the first letter of our surnames. I do not remember what I did for that class, but I have been hooked on "BR" from then on. Opening the index today I can write three months of columns on letter "o" alone: Oas, ornaments, Oton, Opon, Orang-Laut (sea gypsies!), oilskin used as blackboard, etc. BR has always been ready on my shelf, an ace up my sleeve when pressed for a historical column. BR was one of Carmen Guerrero-Nakpil's secret weapons when she too was writing a historical column.

In recent years, however, some Filipino historians have taken to criticizing BR for being: imperfect, incomplete, badly translated, badly annotated, poorly edited, or even propagating the so-called American viewpoint of the compilers. While these points are valid, I think that the best way to criticize the set is to produce a better one and make it obsolete. Critics are all talk and very poor on action. One rabid nationalist historian called for the translation of BR into Filipino. Who will be crazy enough to do that? Besides, if you cannot translate straight from the original Spanish to Filipino and will go from the BR English translation to Filipino then we will be twice removed from the original Spanish documents.

So far, the only person who has risen to the BR challenge was the late Gregorio F. Zaide (1907-1986) who completed a 12-volume "Documentary sources on Philippine history," published posthumously in 1990. Zaide declared that BR, while useful to students of history was limited to the years 1493-1898 and was thus "limited in scope, incomplete and devoid of panoramic comprehensiveness." Zaide covered the pre-Spanish period to 1986. He went on to state that even in its limited scope BR lacked many important documents and included many documents irrelevant to Philippine history. BR was marred by inaccurate translations, poor historical methodology and errors of fact and interpretation. These are fighting words indeed. I don't want to be uncharitable but if Zaide was so harsh on BR how come the first seven of his 12 volumes were filled with documents from BR? I opened Zaide's first volume and found that 204 out of the 397 pages were lifted directly from BR! In volume 2 Zaide has 285 out of 304 pages taken from BR. Volume 3 had 331 out of 397 pages from BR. Volume 4 had 359 out of 484 pages from BR! Despite his criticism Zaide could not make BR obsolete.

At some irrational moment in my life I entered a Benedictine monastery and hoped that I would spend the rest of my days in a cell annotating, revising, updating and correcting a new edition of BR. The task was greater than my intentions and I stopped at volume 8. I guess that until something better comes along the Blair and Robertson shall remain a Filipino historian's best friend.

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Comments are welcome at ambeth@admu.edu.ph

Lessons of Sept. 21, 1972

COMMENTARY

Danilo Vizmanos

THE INTERNAL rot and stench oozing out of the military and police institutions today are not instant phenomena. We can trace their roots to the time when Ferdinand Marcos became president of the Republic.

It was during the years before the imposition of martial rule when Marcos started the process of perversion, corruption and pollution of the military and paramilitary forces (constabulary, police, CHDF). This was the means by which he was able to control and manipulate the coercive forces of the State during 14 years of authoritarian rule.

It was also during this pre-martial law period when officers who would later play a prominent (or notorious) role during the Marcos dictatorship and succeeding administrations received their commission and diplomas as members of Philippine Military Academy Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972. This group of military rogues was to be involved later in systematic violation of human rights, State repression and suppression of civil rights, coup attempts, vice and drug conspiracies and other heinous crimes.

Their being prone to commit human rights violations during the dictatorship was a consequence of a perverted honor system and involvement in hazing in spite of its being declared illegal by law and PMA regulations. The physical and psychological traumatization suffered by plebes in the hands of upperclassmen would later on be inflicted on so-called "enemies of the State" and plain civilians who were at the mercy of law enforcers and security forces during the long dark night of the dictatorship.

The rest is history. A perverse sense of military supremacy over civil society, blind loyalty and obedience to a cunning despot by the military and police hierarchy made possible the imposition of fascist rule and monumental thievery by the wily and ruthless dictator.

It was the rising tide of revolution, increasing resistance of an awakened people, and demoralization and factional strife within the officer corps that led to the disintegration and collapse of an utterly depraved dictatorship in February 1986.

A military faction led by Juan Ponce Enrile and Fidel Ramos tried to capitalize on this historic chain of events by projecting the fallacious notion that they were the "saviors of the people." They were glorified in no small way by the mass media and privileged sectors of society.

The fact of the matter is that without the millions of politically aroused people that provided the political and psychological buffer that prevented Marcos loyalist troops and armor from assaulting Camp Crame and Camp Aguinaldo, this renegade faction would have found themselves at the mercy of the dictator and incarcerated in maximum security stockades. It was the people who saved them, not the other way around!

A Marcos legacy

Many people keep asking why after the downfall of Marcos, human rights violations, illicit acquisition of unexplained wealth, and now involvement in drug conspiracies still thrive in the military and police institutions which reached its height during the Estrada administration. The main reason is because the same coercive forces of the State that Marcos perverted and corrupted remained in place in the succeeding administrations of Corazon Aquino, Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and now Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

It does not take much effort to enact laws and issue policy pronouncements, orders and directives enjoining the military and police hierarchy to behave and change their ways. But as the saying goes, "the only thing more difficult than impressing a new idea into the military mind is to get an old one out!"

The eroding structure and perverted system that Marcos developed and manipulated to serve his dictatorship still remain. The only difference is that the young lieutenants of PMA Classes '70, '71 and '72 have become senior field grade officers and generals who have assumed key positions and leverage in the corridors of power.

Those who fail to grasp the significance of the transformation of the military and police organizations prior to and during the period of martial rule will find it difficult to understand the morally abhorrent cases of Panfilo Lacson and his PAOCTF gang and reported AFP-Abu Sayyaf complicity in Basilan.

And yet there are politicians, influential business groups, members of the Filipino-Chinese community and even in the academe who repose their faith on the military as the "hope of democracy and national salvation" for a government and society deeply in crisis. This glorification of the military ignores the fact that this institution rendered faithful service to the Marcos dictatorship and the morally bankrupt and kleptocratic presidency of Estrada. The military hierarchy made a turnabout only after realizing the futility of suppressing the irresistible volcanic rage of an awakened people.

Salvation comes from the people

If recent history teaches us anything, it is to emphasize that a vigilant, militant, socially aroused and politically conscious people provide the most effective countervailing force against abuse of State power, human rights violations by coercive instruments of the State, venalities and criminal schemes hatched in the bureaucracy and especially in the military and police organizations.

Opinion surveys now show that the people's faith in government institutions especially the Senate and judicial branch as high as the Court of Appeals has deteriorated. People now tend to think of radical solutions such as revolutionary structural and ethical transformation of government and society. Pending realization of this lofty goal in some future time, people's militant and active participation and intervention in the affairs of State, preferably through mass organizations, seems to be the only effective way in challenging and prodding government to wake up and take action on pro-people programs for the attainment of honest-to-goodness democracy and significant economic and social progress.

THEY SAID

No aid to terrorists

"They have to understand, and others like them around the world have to understand, that if you provided sanctuary to terrorists, you face the full wrath of the United States of America."

—United States Vice President Dick Cheney

Against terrorists only

"We are not against any specific Arab country. We are only against terrorists, and I doubt if there is any country in the world who would openly support terrorists or terrorism."

—Justice Secretary Hernando Perez in defense of the government's all-out support for the United States

Used American means

"They came into our country, used our education to get their pilots' licenses, used our own equipment and our own people to kill us."

—American student Stacey Flynn on the terrorists

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It was another Tom Clancy book

I'M a regular buyer and avid reader of INQUIRER and I'd like to commend your newspaper for giving us (the general public), "balanced news, fearless views" every day. I'm also a "Tom Clancy fanatic" and I read his "Jack Ryan series" novels including "Executive Orders" so I'd like to commend Mr. Neal Cruz's column last Sept. 19, 2001.

According to his column, the plot to destroy a US landmark was written by Tom Clancy in his novel "Executive Orders." He mentioned that based on the book, a terrorist crashed a hijacked plane (Japan Airlines Boeing 747) into the US capitol killing the American president and other high officials. Yes! Tom Clancy wrote that but not in "Executive Orders." It's in the book "Debt of Honor" which is before "Executive Orders." In "Debt of Honor," a JAL 747 jumbo jet crashed into the US capitol killing everybody. The plane was not hijacked by a terrorist, instead the JAL pilot Sato, decided to commit a "kamikaze" to avenge the death of his son and brother in a previous war with America. "Executive Orders" is the aftermath of what happened after the plane crash in the continuing saga of Jack Ryan.—**EDWIN M. KATIGBAK, Agustin 1 Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City**

Effective answer to terrorists

I REMEMBER a letter to the editor from Earl K. Wilkinson titled, "Try the Israeli way," narrating his personal experience with Arab terrorists who took hostage some children in school. The hostage takers wanted some of their terrorist comrades freed from prison. An army commander with an eye patch landed in a helicopter a few meters away from Wilkinson's car. The commander ordered his commandos to storm the school. Some of the hostaged children were unfortunately hit by bullets and a few died, but all the terrorists were annihilated! Hostages were never again taken from Israel.

If America had used the "Israeli way" in dealing with Osama bin Laden, who was also the prime suspect in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, and the 1998 bombing of US embassies in Africa, the Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center bombing might not have happened.--**ANTONIO S. CRUZ, L.V. Locsin Building, Makati and Ayala Avenues, Makati City**

Telecom firms declare war

THE DECISION of Globe Telecom and Smart Communications to implement the reduction of free text message allocations to subscribers is an open declaration of war. By cutting down on free text allocations to increase their already huge profits, they have shown their more than eight million subscribers how greedy and anti-consumer they are.

As for the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), it is obvious that it has reneged on its sworn duty to protect the consumers and sided with the telecom companies.

The flicker of hope we had faded when the House of Representatives abruptly suspended its probe of the reduction plan of the cell-phone companies.

But we are not giving up. We can show these giant telecom companies that we are a force to reckon with. We should launch a nationwide mass protest. Texting is a new medium for protest action, so Filipino texters, let's unite.—**JOHN T. JAO, Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City**

No nation praised US attacks

IN A RECENT column, Rina Jimenez-David wrote that "Islamic nations that have long loathed America for its unilateral actions against recalcitrant Arab countries have praised these attacks."

Neighborhoods in Palestine, yes. And imam in Caloocan, yes. A Filipino speaking of *karma*, yes. But no, not a single nation has praised the attack.

This inaccuracy is all the more deplorable since the point of the column was the need to ensure that a person's religion, race or ethnicity does not become a reason to discriminate and to treat others harshly.—**JOE LIGAYA, jligayaj@hotmail.com**

LETTERS

Can we have calmer news reporting?

I'VE always admired the way the foreign media broadcast their news reports. Amid the most horrible tragedy, they remain calm.

Local broadcast media reporters frightened the country when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon tragedy unfolded. Everybody was shouting. Watching ABS-CBN's "TV Patrol" and GMA's "Saksi," I felt that they wanted viewers to believe that it was the beginning of World War III.

Our style of news reporting always tends to exaggerate and go a little bit farther than what's real. I am sure that most of America did not make much of Nostradamus' prediction.

The WTC and Pentagon tragedy should be a lesson for local broadcasters. With the kind of reporting that they are doing, I am sure that Korina Sanchez can hear Mike Enriquez at the other network or vice versa without any difficulty. To sensationalize the issue is the game of news broadcasting.

Is it possible for news to be reported locally in a calm manner no matter how horrible or tragic the news is?—**ROSS COLLADO, rosscollado@hotmail.com**

Idyllic place turned into garbage dump

LAST Aug. 4, 2001, my family and I planned to spend the weekend in Tagaytay City. To get to the city proper, we passed a route my husband believed to be a shortcut to our destination. This was the service road passing through Laurel and Talisay, Batangas.

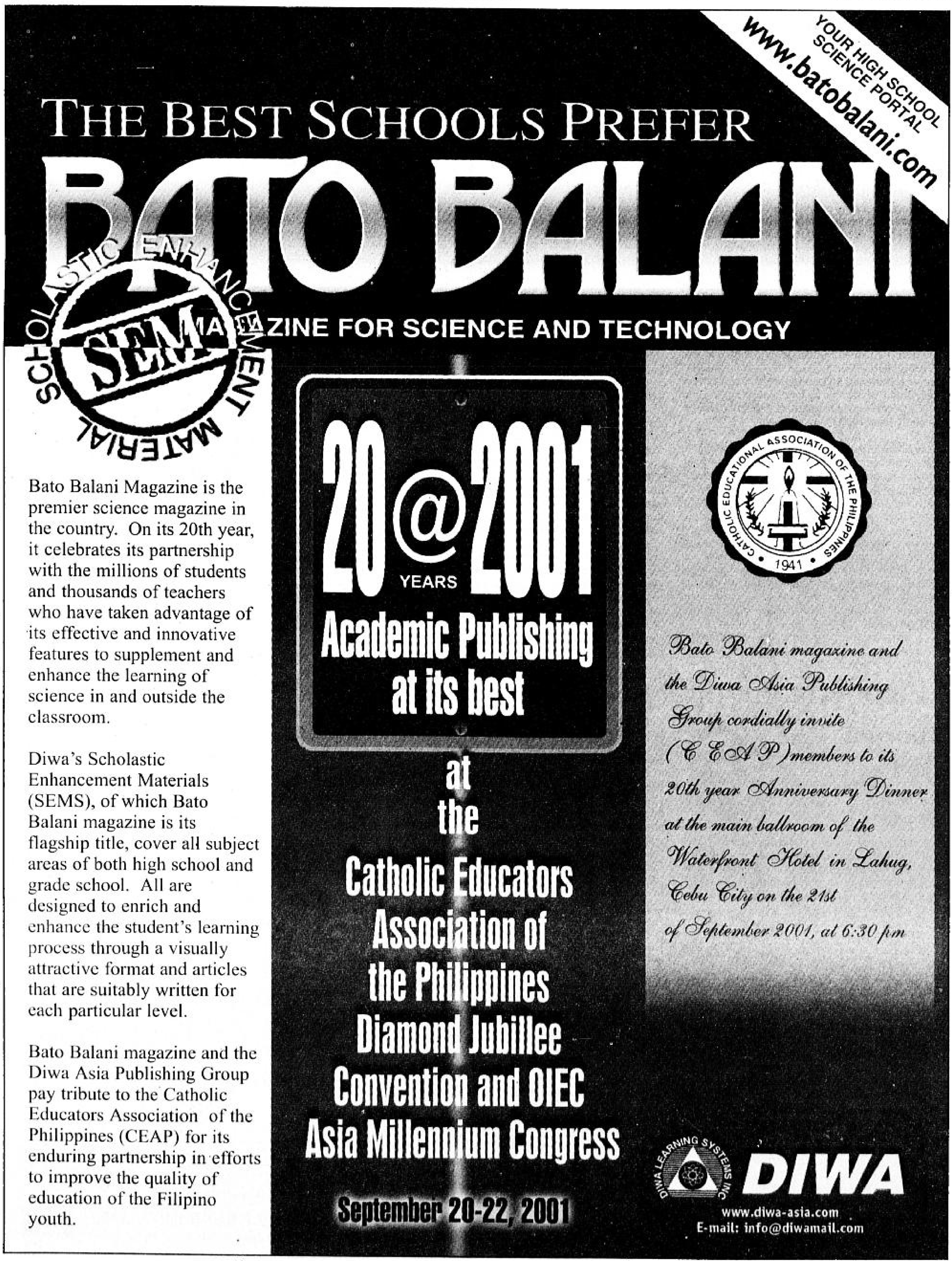
While traversing the area, I was speechless stricken by the place. The whole trail was surrounded by trees, though some parts of the road had been eroded perhaps by heavy rains. But generally the whole place was breathtaking.

As we reached a higher altitude near the city proper, I noticed some trash along the way. I was wondering why there was so much litter in such an uninhabited place and a route seldom taken by motorists.

The mystery was solved when we reached a foul-smelling spot where some garbage scavengers operated and lived. From the opposite side of the slopes, a mountain of trash appeared to be ready to engulf a whole village, like what happened in Payatas.

My earlier admiration for the scenery vanished, replaced entirely by revulsion toward the careless and insensitive people who treated with unconcern our environment .

I am mad at the authorities who allowed this desecration. There must be something we can do about this ugliness in our midst.—**MAILA TAGAY-REYES, lawyer, Antonino Building, T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila**



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Conflict of interest prevents him

A Mr. Noel Trinidad asks why I do not defend the Marcoses. (PDI 9/19/00)

One easy answer is I have been fighting them for longer than I care to remember. I helped obtain the judgment against the kleptocrats in Seattle, where I appeared personally. I was in Honolulu when the jury awarded billions in favor of our class suit claimants. There is a conflict of interest. Indeed, I am facing a libel suit filed in the Ilocos by Imelda and Irene Marcos for my calling them kleptocrats, in a proceeding where the INQUIRER, Today and I are all being defended by lawyer Tom del Castillo.

I see no problem in any other lawyer defending anyone within law and ethics. And certainly, the Marcoses deserve due process. My invoking it in behalf of the Estradas is of course making a fool of myself to certain of my friends in the civil society. But, I have invoked it all my life in favor of anyone, particularly the despised.

I did not allow the Marcos minions to interrupt me when I spoke during the dark years. Sorry, Mr. Trinidad, but I could not follow Mr. Carandang's unsolicited directive for me to turn my back on our many *pro bono* clients and focus on the Estrada cases. Frankly, I would rather give up the latter because it is the poor who will have no one else. I do not interfere in Mr. Carandang's practice of his profession. I think I rate the same courtesy. I am sorry for any distress I may have caused him in my perception that he was lawyering for the civil society, instead of remaining an objective journalist. Maybe the fault was on both sides; if so, I apologize for my share. The slate is clean from where I sit. But, how I have long felt about our wild, wild Press with its fire-aim-ready-type of journalism is a matter of record. I have never backed off.—**R.A.V. SAGUISAG, Saguisag and Associates Lawyers, 4045 Bigasan St., Makati City**

Sabaya's brother can shed light on Sayyaf deals

THE SEIZURE of a key member of the terrorist group, Muhayser Tilao, 22 and three other members of the Abu Sayyaf group is a good step in resolving the alleged collusion between the AFP and the ASG.

I believe Tilao, as a brother of ASG spokesperson, Aldam Tilao, also known as Abu Sabaya knows the real score behind the said collusion. If he will coordinate with the AFP, then I'm sure a rapid investigation will be greatly helped.

I hope that Tilao will come to realize that this is the right time to redeem himself and make up for his wrongdoing. It is also time for him to admit to his sins and start a new life by helping the military go after his brother and his comrades. Although this may seem impossible, I still believe that Tilao will finally reveal the truth for the sake of his brother Muslims as well as for his countrymen.—**SHARIFFA USOP, Barangay Taluksangay, Zamboanga City**

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Hunt for secret finances begins

LONDON—Hunting down terrorists may prove tricky enough, but trying to arrest their clandestine sources of finance could prove just as elusive, bankers and finance analysts here believe.

Major world powers are increasingly dwelling on the financial dimension behind last week's terrorist strikes on the United States, arguing that a fight against terrorists means a fight against their channels of funding.

Already authorities in several countries are probing claims that those behind the kamikaze assaults on the World Trade Center and Pentagon may have used their financial muscle to "play the markets" in the run-up to the attacks.

Britain meanwhile called Wednesday for more resolute international action to staunch the lifeblood of funding that bankrolls terrorists.

Finance chief Gordon Brown put the emphasis on "reporting," saying that all financial institutions should declare dubious transactions "so that there is not only no safe haven for terrorists but no hiding place for terrorist money."

Britain quickly moved to shut down a Barclays bank account believed to have links to terrorists, and urged robust action from international partners, particularly Switzerland, to ensure greater transparency in the global financial system.

"'There are countries around the world that are not taking this kind of action and we must make sure the weakest links are dealt with as well," Brown said.

"We want joint action to cut off the supply of funds to terrorists," he said. "They are being financed somewhere and get their money through bank accounts which we can stop."

But some sector insiders said it wasn't as easy as that.

"It is going to be complicated," said Noel de Berry, a banking consultant who advises financial institutions. "People are allowed to have many bank accounts. Transactions take place in seconds.

"There's a lot more happening that can ever be tracked down," he said. "Money can be moved across the world, make three or four jumps in a very short time and come back again."

The battle against money laundering is nothing new, and bankers point out that great efforts have been made in recent years to stop the practice. British bankers can even enroll in a course against money laundering.

Financial experts say banks will ignore any obvious bona fide corporate activity and will overlook transactions under a five-figure sum because that is not likely to be a feed for terrorism.

But that still leaves a welter of complex transactions to wade through, and even if willing, banks will need to devote formidable man-hours to the task to succeed.

Only recently, British banks were reprimanded for lax controls in handling hundreds of millions of pounds allegedly looted by former Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha. *AFP*

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac brings a bouquet of flowers Sept. 19 to a memorial in New York City's Union Square for the victims of the World Trade Center attack. Chirac, who was in the US to meet with President Bush, urged the UN on Wednesday to lead the fight against terrorism, declaring it must be a long-term battle that goes beyond military action and targets the perpetrators and root causes. REUTERS

Not just a US tragedy: 2,000 missing from 64 other countries

NEW YORK—The hijacker attacks on the United States that left nearly 6,000 dead or missing hit every corner of the globe, not just symbolically and politically but also in terms of human lives.

Figures compiled on Wednesday by Reuters showed that when jetliners plunged into the World Trade Center in Manhattan and the Pentagon near Washington on Sept. 11, they left an estimated 5,600 people dead or unaccounted for in New York alone—almost 2,000 came from 64 other countries.

An unofficial tally shows that Britain, India, Colombia and Pakistan were the hardest hit, with each country losing more than 200 people in the catastrophe. They were followed by Israel with 133, Russia with 96 and El Salvador with 71.

The many nationalities of the dead and missing were largely attributable to the role of Manhattan, and particularly the World Trade Center, as the world's leading financial center, said national security adviser Condoleeza Rice.

"When the World Trade Center went down, the world's trade center went down," she told reporters on Wednesday.

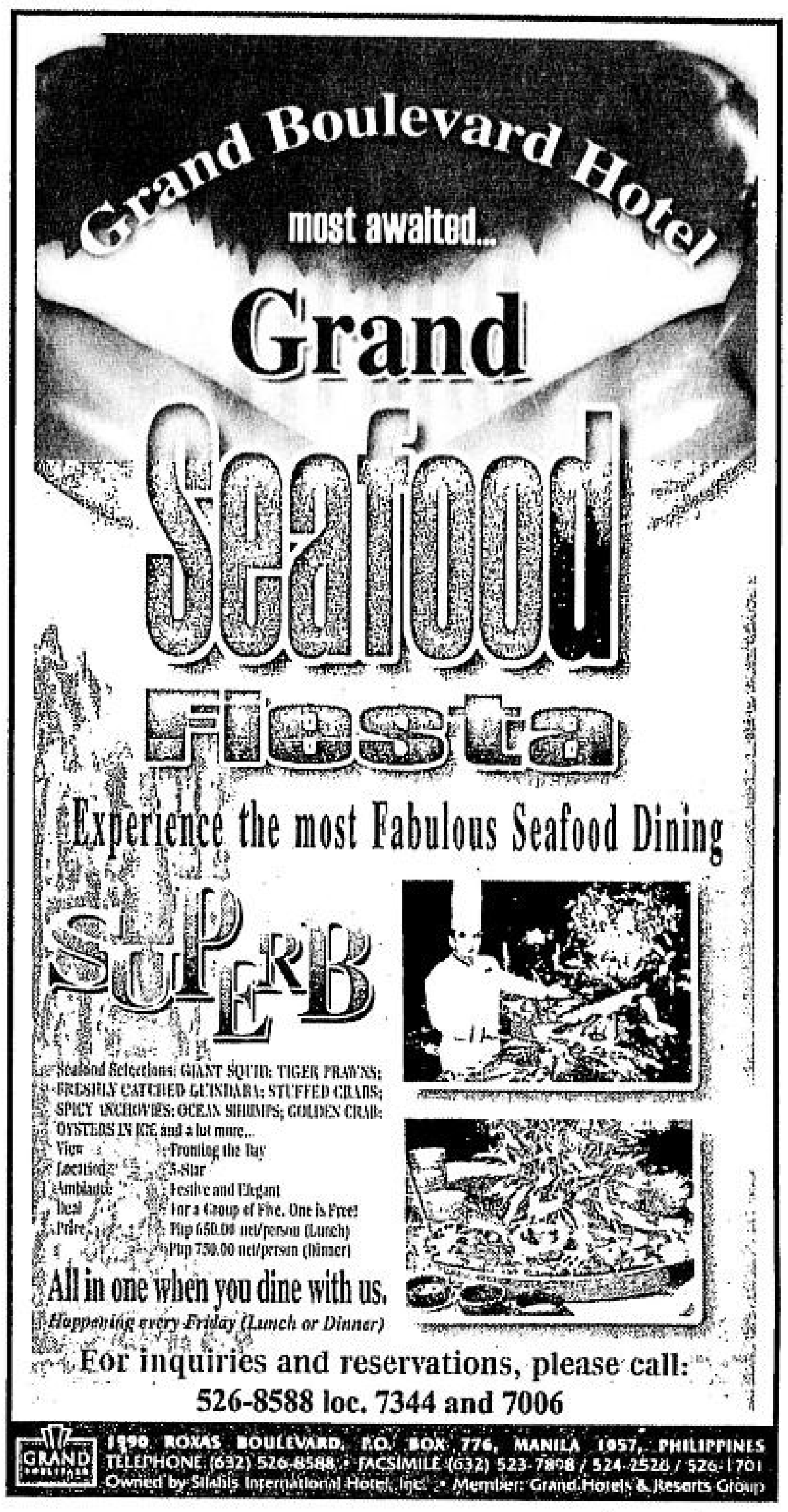
The massive office complex with the landmark 110-story twin towers that are now a pile of rubble was home to hundreds of companies including some of the biggest players in international finance.

The White House has identified Saudi-born dissident Osama bin Laden as its prime suspect in the attacks. He is said to be a wealthy Islamic militant bent on hurting the United States in forays directed from a hide-out in Afghanistan.

The significant international component of the victims' list has added to the world's indignation over the attacks and is helping the Bush administration rally support for what it says will be a global "war on terrorism."

"Murder of British people in New York is no different in nature from their murder here in the heart of Britain itself," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said last week. "In the most direct sense therefore, we have not just an interest but an obligation to bring those responsible to account."

"This is why no one can remain indifferent," United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan said of the many nationalities lying in the ruins. "They all know that we need to come together to defeat terrorism, and we have to cooperate across the board to be able to do it." *Reuters*



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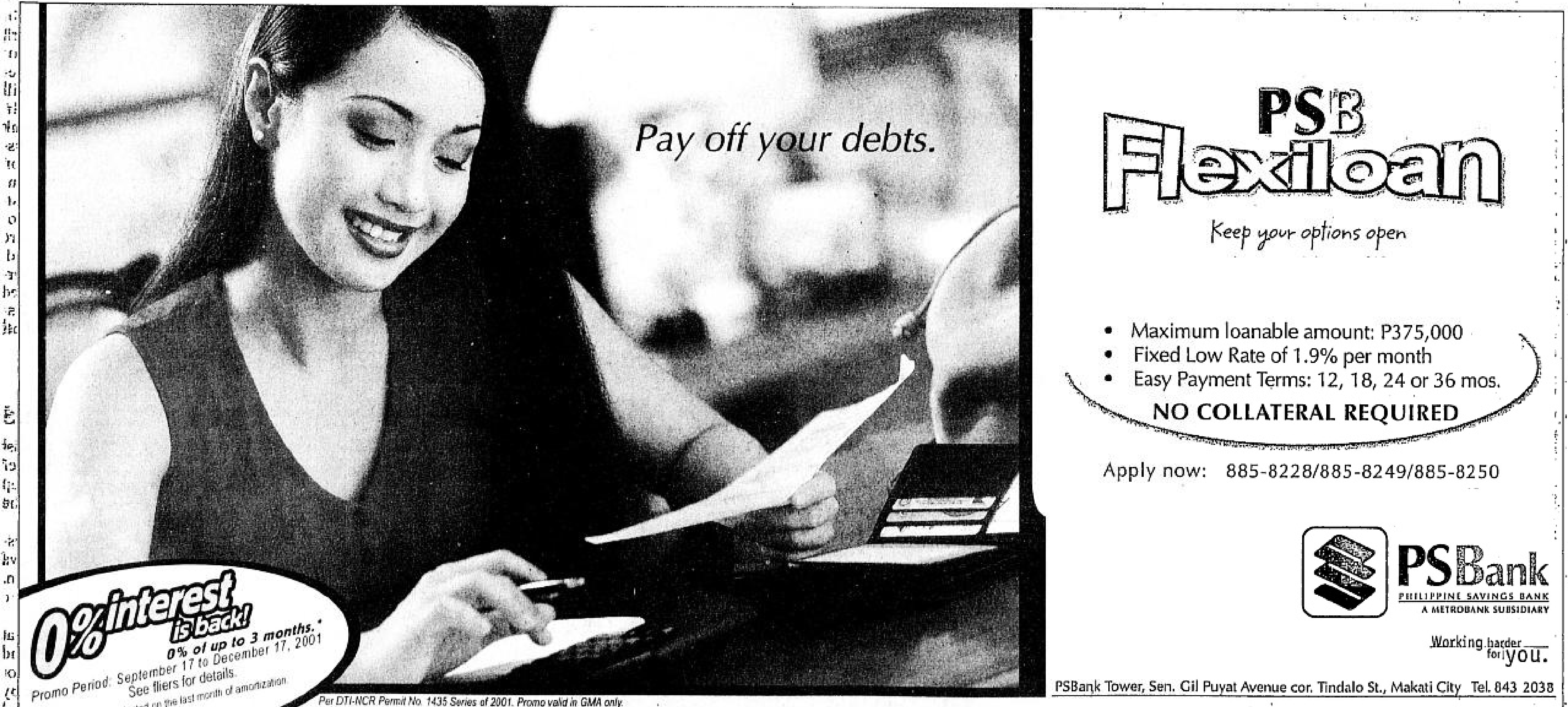

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Fledgling Mideast ceasefire marred by killing, shootings

JERUSALEM—The fledgling Middle East ceasefire staggered Thursday with a string of Palestinian-Israeli clashes that left an Israeli woman dead and seven people wounded as leaders struggled to keep a lid on the violence.

In the first killing since Israel and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat declared a truce Tuesday, a woman died and her husband was seriously wounded by Palestinian gunfire as they drove with their three children near the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

The killing was claimed by the Al-Aqsa Brigades, a splinter group of Arafat's Fatah faction.

Just before the slaying, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Arafat had intervened "in the past few hours" to prevent anti-Israeli attacks but had problems containing militant Islamic groups that have vowed to fight on.

"Palestinians have been making serious efforts, but Yasser Arafat has his own problems with Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah, which cannot be sorted out at the press of a button," Peres said on public radio.

The three militant Palestinian groups are violently opposed to peace with Israel and have vowed to fight on.

Dore Gold, a senior adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said truce talks between Peres and Arafat would be difficult to organize while violence continued.

This "bloody attack proves that international pressures brought to bear on Yasser Arafat were not sufficient in that (Arafat) is not applying the ceasefire that he committed himself to respecting," Gold said.

Sharon, who has insisted on 48 hours of absolute calm before the talks aimed at ending a year of bloodshed, spoke to US Secretary of State Colin Powell by telephone before the killing and complained of truce violations.

He was to speak to Powell again Thursday, an Israeli government official said on condition of anonymity.

The woman's death took the number of people killed since the beginning of the intifada, or uprising, last September 28 to 817, including 626 Palestinians and 168 Israelis.

Four attacks and an armed clash in the Palestinian territories on Wednesday evening left six people injured—four Palestinians and two Jewish settlers—reflecting the fragility of Tuesday's truce.

A group considered close to Arafat's Fatah movement claimed responsibility for three anti-Israeli attacks in the West Bank, in which the settlers were wounded.

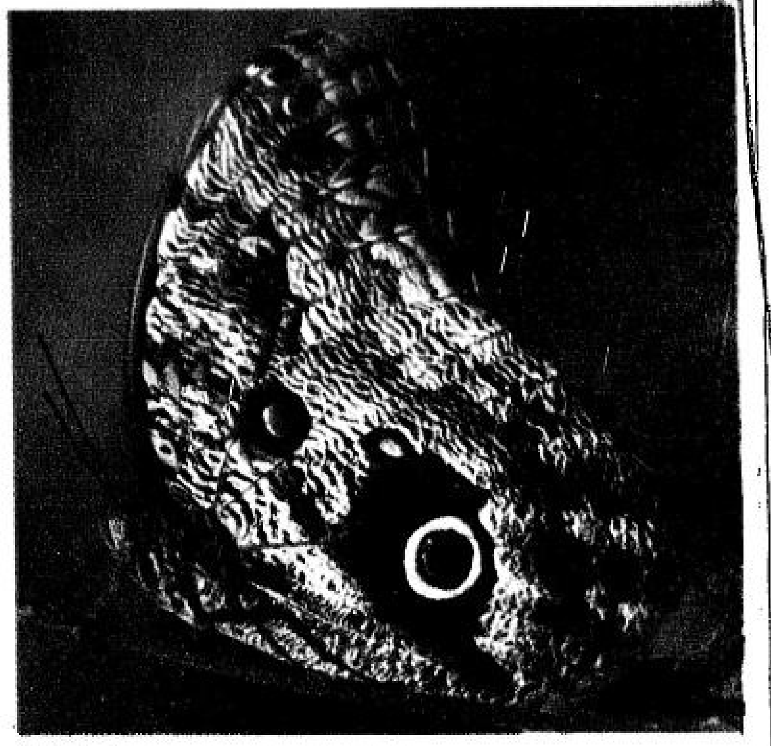
"These attacks confirm the continuation of the intifada and of resistance until the liberation of Palestine," the Popular Army Front-Return Battalions said.

The group claimed responsibility for a roadside blast near the Jewish settlement of Oranit that the Israeli Army said wounded two settlers, one of them seriously.

They also claimed two attacks in Hebron, during which soldiers retaliated with tank fire, an Army spokesperson said.

Hospital sources said four Palestinians were wounded in the shelling.

In other incidents, three mortars were fired at Israeli positions in the center of the Gaza Strip and at least 40 grenades were hurled at an Army position in Rafah on the Egyptian border with the Gaza Strip, the military said. *AFP*



STILL A BEAUTIFUL WORLD AP

A butterfly perched on a leaf in the Monteverde Butterfly Gardens in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve in Costa Rica, February. The place, a photo shooter's paradise, is one of the many destinations badly hit by the slump in travel and tourism following the attacks in the US.

Nimda worm seen peaking

SAN FRANCISCO—The outbreak of the Nimda computer worm, which has spread rapidly across the Internet, appeared to have peaked on Wednesday for the powerful server machines that drive the Web, but the number of infected PCs may never be known, computer security experts said.

Nimda, a versatile program that spreads itself by e-mail and Web surfing, also targets personal computers, a twist that has allowed it to spread faster and made it harder to track, analysts said.

The self-replicating bug, which scans networks for uninfected computers, threatens to slow the performance of the Internet and e-mail even though it does not erase files or damage systems, experts said.

"Since late yesterday the number of infected Web servers has come down," said Joe Hartmann, director of North American anti-virus research for Trend Micro, a Cupertino, California-based computer security company. "A lot of users have upgraded and done what they need to do to take care of the problem."

On Tuesday morning, The Cooperative Association for Internet Data Analysis, or CAIDA, part of UC San Diego's Supercomputer Center, had logged 150,000 infected computer servers and PCs worldwide. But by late afternoon Wednesday, that figure had dropped to about 66,000.

"The fact that there's been a 50-percent reduction in less than 24 hours is an amazing improvement over Code Red," said David Moore, a senior researcher at CAIDA. "As far as our reaction times to this sort of problem, we're getting better at it, which is good to see."

Still, the mere presence of the worm has forced some companies to shut down parts of their networks to prevent infection or further exposure. The highest concentration of infected systems was in Canada, Denmark, Italy, Norway, the UK and the United States, said Chip Mesec, head of product marketing for San Mateo, California-based SecurityFocus.

"Anyone looking at traffic from this thing is likely only seeing a leg of the elephant," said Allan Paller, director of research the SANS Institute, an education institute for network and computer security in Bethesda, Maryland.

It was still too soon to tell with any certainty where the worm had originated, and it may still take several days to weeks for computer-security experts to piece that together.

Moreover, many computers and PCs may still be infected but are now cut off behind firewalls.

Internet security experts had warned of the potential for an increase in invasive computer program after last week's attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, but US authorities have said there was no sign of a direct link to those events. *Reuters*

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US sends aircraft carriers, combat planes to Gulf area

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week to get the combat planes in position, an official said.

Analysts say a series of air strikes and relatively small-scale raids by special forces will likely make up America's military response to the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

"If we were acting on good intelligence, it would be something like the Delta Force, trying to go in covertly, nail (Bin Laden) and then go out covertly—hopefully without them knowing we were there," said retired Army Gen. Fred Woerner, former head of the US Southern Command. "I would anticipate our future actions to be on the small scale, not the large scale."

Bush will make the case against Bin Laden and his al-Qaida network in a speech before the US Congress set at 9 p.m. Thursday (0100 GMT Friday.

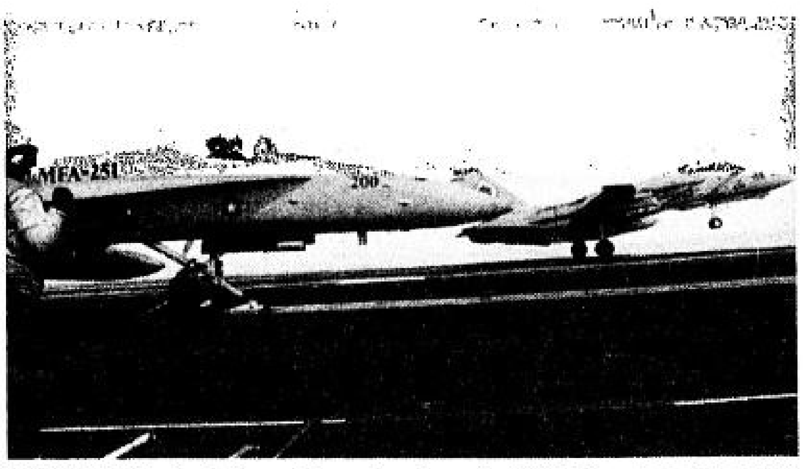
Officials said he would not seek a declaration of war but would ask Americans to have patience for a long, painful hunt for terrorists.

The words are meant to build resolve as soldiers, ships and aircraft head across the sea for conflict, they said. Bush is also expected to warn that some of those heading out may not return.

"I look forward to the opportunity to explain to the American people who would do this to our great country, and why," Bush said.

4 main options

Analysts say the United States has four main military options, although officials may choose to combine parts of several alternatives:



COMBAT jets land aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt which left Norfolk, Virginia for the Mediterranean Wednesday. AP

- Air strikes with bombs and missiles launched from aircraft and Navy ships.
- Small commando raids to capture or kill Bin Laden and other top terrorist suspects.
- A quick invasion by a larger force, perhaps as many as 20,000 soldiers.
- A full-scale invasion with hundreds of thousands of ground troops.

A large invasion is unlikely because sustaining that many troops in a rugged, war-ravaged country would be difficult, Woerner said.

Such an invasion probably would have to be launched from Pakistan, which could cause unrest there.

"The last thing we want is a destabilized, nuclear-capable Pakistan," said Woerner, who teaches at Boston University. "We are very concerned in whatever we do that it doesn't put Pakistan in chaos."

Air strikes alone will not do much more than make Americans feel good, analysts said.

"I'm not sure air strikes alone ever worked before," said Edward Atkeson, a retired military intelligence official and Army War College administrator.

Paul Wolfowitz, chief deputy of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, also indicated that US actions would go beyond air strikes.

He said any military action would be "not just for the sake of satisfying . . . the tremendous urge for revenge" for the thousands of people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Sustained campaign

Wolfowitz said Wednesday that any military action would be coordinated with diplomatic, law enforcement and economic efforts.

"We're going into a sustained campaign," he said. "It's going to be a long series of actions."

He also signaled that the US military action would involve more than Afghanistan and Bin Laden.

"This is not a war against just one country or just one person," he said when asked if Iraq was a target and whether that country was involved in the terrorist attacks.

Some officials involved in the military planning want Bush to target Iraq, but advisers close to him say Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was not an initial target.

Bush wants to strike Bin Laden and his alleged terrorist network, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But while Bin Laden's forces and those of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban are not heavily armed, they are experienced and scattered in a mountainous country filled with places to hide.

Both Britain and the former Soviet Union have invaded Afghanistan, only to be defeated by the combination of hostile terrain and dedicated combatants.

"Several countries have exhausted themselves pounding that country," Rumsfeld said this week. "What we'll have to do is exactly what I said: use the full spectrum of our capabilities."

Pentagon planners also need to be careful about the possibility of being drawn into a trap, said Harlan Ullman, who teaches strategy at the National Defense University.

"I think we're making a mistake if we believe that whoever the perpetrators are, didn't plan their strategy based on a huge response," Ullman said. "In other words, they were planning for us, and that may be the next horror to come."

Overtures

Bush continued to make overtures to foreign leaders to join the international coalition against terrorism.

He planned to meet Prince Saud al-Faisal, foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, on Thursday.

But Saudi Arabia, along with other Gulf allies such as Bahrain and Qatar, worry that if the United States casts its anti-terrorism net too wide, it could again cause internal unrest from Islamic dissidents.

Bush plans to have dinner with British Prime Minister Tony Blair just before he addresses the US Congress on Thursday night.

Britain already has substantial forces in the Gulf area as part of a long-planned joint exercise with Oman.

These include an aircraft carrier, four frigates, two destroyers, other ships and group troops.

Japan plans to dispatch a destroyer equipped with the high-tech Aegis combat radar system among other military vessels in support of the anti-terrorism campaign, according to Ichiro Imaizumi, a spokesperson for the Defense Agency. *Reports from AP*

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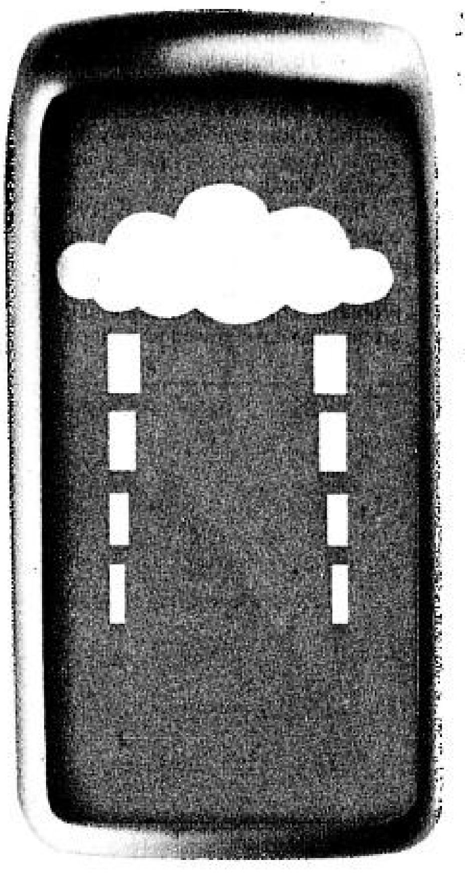

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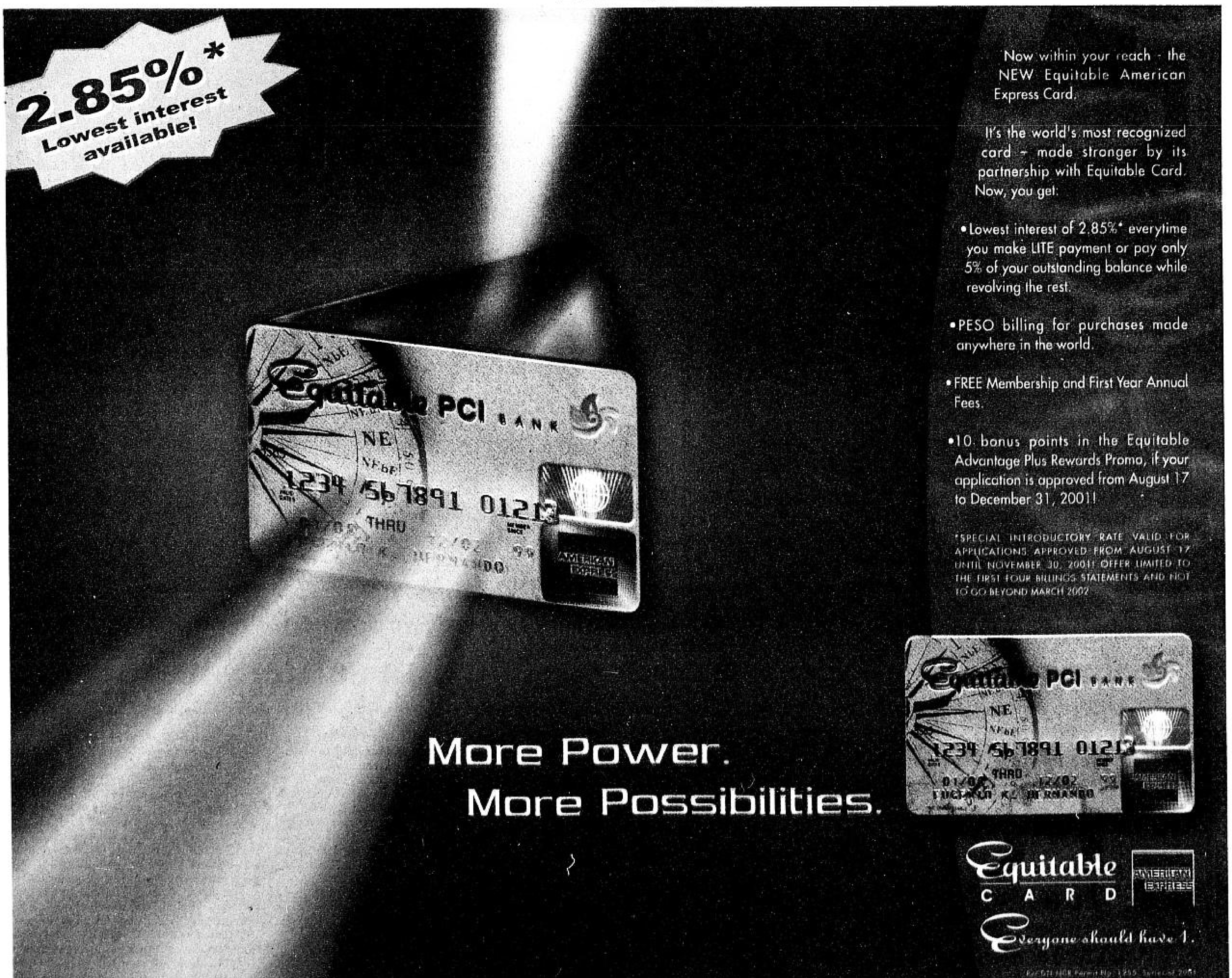

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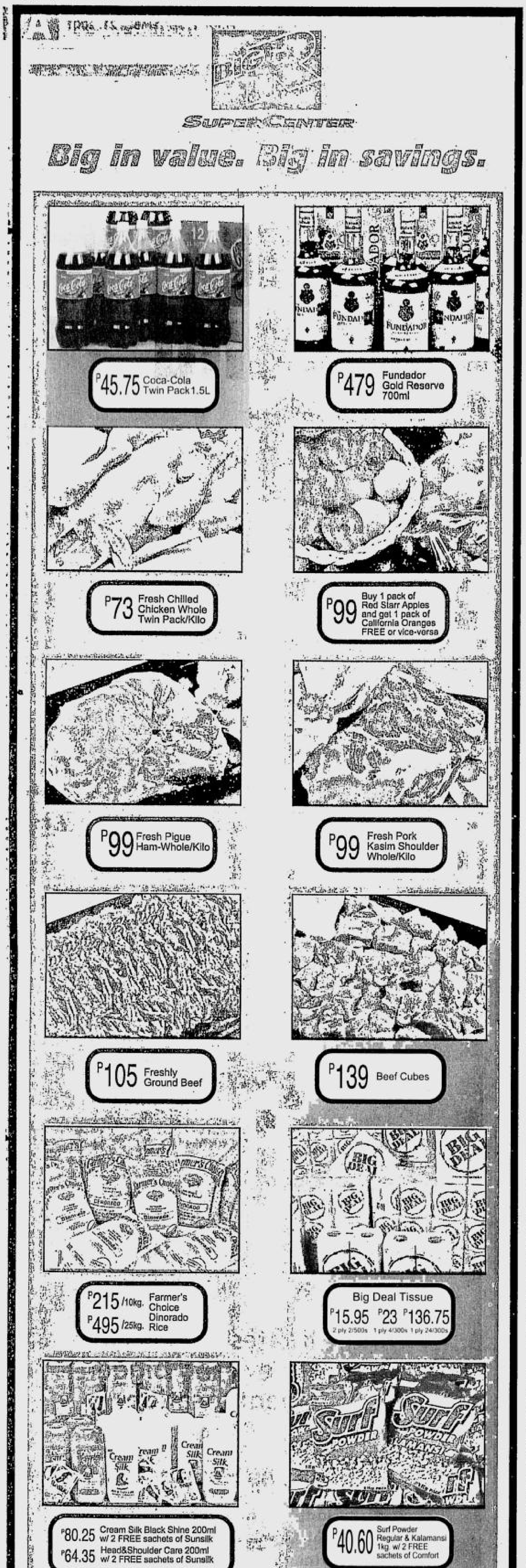
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Nur independence demand rejected

By Noralyn Mustafa
PDI Mindanao Bureau

JOLO, Sulu—Libyan Ambassador to the Philippines Salem Adem said the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) and Libya reject calls for independence by ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari or any other group.

"There is no single country in the OIC or any other foreign country that will help in any move for independence or the dismemberment of any country," Adem told delegates to a Bangsamoro People's Consultative Assembly here on Sunday.

Adem also expressed his country's disappointment with Misuari, even as he emphasized that neither Libya nor the OIC is interfering in the leadership crisis in the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which he said was "an internal matter."

Misuari was ousted as chair of the MNLF by a majority of its central committee in April and has been replaced by a 15-member executive council. Misuari, however, insisted that he was still the head of the erstwhile secessionist movement.

Replaced

"I think the committee of 15 has no problem with Misuari," Adem said, responding to a delegate who requested him to mediate between Misuari and the council.

"(There is) nothing personal between the council or the OIC with Misuari. The problem (is), he was not able to govern the autonomous region for five years. They gave him the chance, they gave him the money, we were supporting him for a long time, for the cause of the Bangsamoro people, for the Muslims."

Adem said when they visited Mindanao last year on a fact-finding mission, "we saw nothing, Muslims are still suffering after five years (of Misuari's governance), so now I think we should give a chance to the executive council."

He also said members of the council "should work very hard to gather support not only of the MNLF, but the entire Bangsamoro."

The ambassador also said that the foundation of the council was "a decision of the Bangsamoro people," adding that the Philippine government has officially recognized the body and that the OIC Committee of the Eight "are handling the situation and they are going to solve it very, very soon."

Adem said because of the failure of Misuari to govern (the autonomous region), "they asked him to give way to a new leadership, to show sincerity and to serve the people."

Misuari has been issuing published statements discrediting the executive council led by Dr. Parouk Hussin, calling them "renegades" and urging his remaining followers to denounce its members. Misuari claimed he was still the chair of the MNLF and as such, "the sole legitimate representative of the Bangsamoro people."

Doctor Hussin said the OIC recognition is conferred on the organization, and not the individual.

"How can the OIC deal with somebody who is no longer recognized by the (Philippine) government? The MNLF is now in the hands of the executive council, and the OIC recognizes the MNLF, not the individual," Hussin said.

He added that the OIC through its Committee of the Eight may soon issue a resolution affirming the government's recognition of the council.

In a letter to Indonesian foreign minister Nur Hassan Wirayuda, chair of the Committee of the Eight, last month, Vice President and foreign affairs secretary Teofisto Guingona said that "the Philippine government recognizes the 15-Member Executive Council as the current MNLF leadership."

Sulu Gov. Yusop Jikiri who hosted the assembly said the conference was convened "to enlighten the people" because there was confusion among MNLF followers due to Misuari's efforts in trying to convince people to take his side in the leadership crisis.

"What we hear is only the side of Misuari, and our people, particularly the MNLF, are confused because (he is giving the impression) that he still has the confidence of the OIC. His statements are those of an emotional mind. How can we be called renegades when we are just upholding the (1996 GRP-MNLF) peace agreement?" Jikiri said.

Comments

Reacting to comments that the MNLF is now divided, Jikiri said this was not true.

"We do not believe we are divided. We just want a shared decision-making, a collective decision especially in matters affecting our people," he said.

He pointed out that in fact there was no "leader" in the executive committee and its members had different functions.

Sunday's assembly was attended by some 5,000 people who expressed unanimous support for the council.

Published news reports on Monday, however, said that Misuari is now visiting Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries to get the sympathy of the Muslim world after he threatened to abandon the 1996 peace agreement.

Reacting to a reporter's question whether support for the executive council will divide the Bangsamoro people, Adem said that the agreement of unity between the MNLF and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Kuala Lumpur in June showed that "unity is very possible."

He said the two groups also agreed to participate in the OIC as one delegation, adding that in the future, the seat in the OIC that is now occupied by the MNLF on observer status will be officially known as the seat of the Bangsamoro.

Adem, however, dismissed the possibility that this seat will be upgraded to membership status, saying that the constitution of the OIC respects the territorial integrity and independence of other nations. Only sovereign nations can be members of OIC.

Integrated

"We are not supporting any single group in the world, minority or others, to dismember their country. We are totally against it. They have to be integrated within the society (but) they have to be given a chance to be part of the country.

He said Libya will help the Muslims in the Philippines in terms of development and integration into "the society of the Filipino people."

Adem hoped the Philippine government "will listen to us, to accommodate the Muslims, to give them a chance to participate in the administration, but of course you will have to help yourself."

Adem said the "immediate" project of the Libyan international charity foundation is palm plantation, which will involve some 35,000 hectares in Mindanao.

Indonesia and Malaysia will be partners in the project, which will benefit over 7,000 MNLF families.

Adem also announced that aside from the 25-50 scholarships offered annually to the Muslims of the Philippines by the Islamic World Society, it will establish a university here which will also be a kind of conduit for financial and other assistance from the Libyan government.

Asked whether such assistance will be extended despite the presence of the Abu Sayyaf, Adem said that the position of Libya on the Abu Sayyaf was "very clear."

"Any group, any elements creating trouble in the country, kidnapping or beheading (people), we consider them criminals against Muslims, against Christians, against any religion. There is no way. You have to crush them," he said.

Suicide uses rifle of warden

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JORDAN, Guimaras—A mentally ill inmate shot himself dead Tuesday, using the jail warden's weapon, an Armalite rifle.

Rosarito Pillada, 36, died of a gunshot wound in the head inside the administrative office of the Jordan District Jail–Main Building in Barangay Alaquisoc, Jordan town.

Pillada, who was charged with murder, was undergoing psychiatric treatment. He was taking Akineton, an anti-psychotic drug. On July 19, Pillada tried to hang himself but the cord he tied around his neck broke.

JO1 Allan Lignig, the guard on duty during the suicide, said Pillada was with 11 other inmates tending a garden inside the jail compound.

Pillada, however, slipped into the administrative office, about 20 meters from the garden.

"He said he wanted to get his medicines inside his cell but I told him I had the medicines with me. He must have entered the building when I turned my back," said Lignig.

Lignig and JO3 Jovito Herrera rushed to the office after they heard a gunshot around 3:45 p.m.

SPO4 Felimon Guyapa, acting Jordan police chief, said the inmate found the M-16 rifle, placed the barrel in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

The M-16 rifle was issued to Senior Insp. Wilfredo Campo, the jail warden. Guyapa said the rifle was placed inside the office and attached to the iron railings of a door by a handcuff.

Hazing rears ugly head again

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—A 19-year-old student from the Central Philippines University (CPU) underwent surgery to close a cut in his liver from a blow he received during a fraternity hazing.

Wilson Dordas, a sophomore political science student, was rushed to the St. Paul's Hospital on Sept. 15 after receiving a single but powerful blow in his stomach from a member of the Order of Kalantiao, a fraternity in the university.

He was operated on Sunday after tests showed that he had internal bleeding as a result of the liver injury.

He was reportedly declared stable by attending physicians yesterday, five days after he stayed at the hospital's intensive care unit.

Wilson's sister, Cherry, said she was alarmed after his brother fainted and clasped his stomach because of severe pain on Saturday night, a few hours after he arrived from an "outing."

He told his sister that he was "punched" at the abdomen by one of the fraternity members during the fraternity's final initiation rites.

Wilson bore no signs that he was beaten because there were no bruises found in his body, Cherry said.

Dr. Juanito Acanto, CPU president, said the school did not give permission for the fraternity to conduct an off-campus activity at the Punta Villa Resort on Sept. 15.

"They (fraternity members) went there on their own," he said.

Acanto had met with Wilson's parents to assure them that the school already initiated an investigation of the hazing through the student affairs office.

Rinand Escoban, CPU director for student affairs, said that while the fraternity is recognized by the school, his office does not approve of the initiation rites.

Escoban said the Order of Kalantiao is one of the prestigious fraternities in the campus. Its alumni include prominent lawyers and doctors, among others.

He said the group has a good track record in campus and community service. The fraternity accepts senior members who are usually law students and junior members who are taking undergraduate courses. Wilson was recruited as a junior member.

Cherry said his brother told her that he was among the 11 recruits, composed of six men and five women, who were blindfolded during the final initiation rites. He said he took the blow to become a full-fledged fraternity member.

Wilson, the youngest of three children, plans to become a lawyer. His father is a teacher in Maayon town, Capiz. His mother, Sofia, wants him to enter the seminary to become a priest but Wilson instead enrolled in the CPU, a Baptist-founded school.

ATTACKS AFTERMATH

Muslim settlers air appeal

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—"Please do not associate terrorism with Muslims."

Some 70,000 Muslim settlers in Northern and Central Luzon, speaking through their leaders, aired this appeal Thursday in anticipation of hostile reactions that terrorist attacks in the United States, allegedly carried out by Muslim extremists, may generate against Islam believers.

The effects of the carnage were well covered by the international and local press and could fan anti-Muslim sentiments, according to Salong Sunggod, chair of the Federation of Muslim Association in Northern and Central Luzon.

"We fear these may backlash on us like in the form of distrust," Sunggod, also the technical chief of the National Commission on Indigenous People in Central Luzon, told the INQUIRER.

Kidnappings by the Abu Sayyaf bandits in Mindanao have created wrong perceptions about Muslims, he said.

Sunggod said some Muslim settlers have been maltreated, in forms of mocking remarks and censures, because of the Abu Sayyaf scare.

"We left Mindanao because of the armed conflict there, and poverty. Here, we always try to live in peace with our Christian brothers and sisters but some harbor distrust of us because of what the Abu Sayyaf (bandits) have done to the economy and the lives of innocent civilians," Sunggod said.

Most Muslims in Northern and Central Luzon are Maranao merchants who eke out a living by selling wares on the streets.

Among the Central Luzon provinces, it is in Nueva Ecija where quarrels between Muslims and Christians have erupted in the last years. Some have ended in violent fights, Sunggod said.

The appeal, according to him, was more important in Central Luzon because the Office of Muslim Affairs in the region was inactive there.

"Right now, we in Central Luzon don't have representation with the national government. Not all local governments go out of their way to assist us. Many of us are unattended," he noted.

"We appeal to our fellow Filipinos not to generalize Muslims. We are also peace-loving," he said. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Justice sought for jailed 'lumads'

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Howard Dee, presidential assistant for indigenous people's affairs, said *lumad* prisoners all over the country who would be found to have been falsely charged may soon be freed.

Dee said his office and the National Commission on Indigenous People are undertaking a new program called 'Free the IP Prisoners."

Describing the *lumads* as the most helpless and vulnerable sector of society, Dee said cases filed against *lumad* prisoners are often trumped up and unjustly founded.

On Friday, Dee visited the Cotabato Provincial jail and met with a Manobo *datu* detained for allegedly killing five children in Barangay Renibon in Pigcawayan, North Cotabato four years ago.

The case of Datu Timuay Soner Mantimo, 72, is the first case Dee and the NCIP will be looking into as part of the program.

Also accused with Mantimo were his younger brother Pawad, and his sons Domiggo and Leopoldo.

Mantimo denied the allegations, claiming they were "fall guys."

Leopoldo said his father was against the proposed entry of a mining company, which could be the reason they were implicated in the case.

Mantimo's claim was also supported by the Archdiocese of Cotabato.

The Social Action-Justice and Peace Ministry of the Archdiocese presented to Dee a report pointing out that the Mantimos' case had something to do with the planned mining exploration of the Jabal Mining Development Corp.

The Mantimos have been detained for three years now.

Dee said the NCIP should provide a lawyer for the Mantimos. ***Jeffrey Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Water crisis looms

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Regional Development Council in Northern Mindanao has turned to the private sector for the expansion of facilities and services of the Cagayan de Oro Water District here amid forecasts that the city would suffer from water shortage 10 years from now.

Recently, the RDC approved the unsolicited proposal of a consortium led by the Vivendi Water Philippines to develop and operate the water supply system in Cagayan de Oro in October 2000 under the build-operate-transfer (BOT) scheme.

Engr. Conrado Nasol of the Infrastructure Division of the National Economic and Development Authority said the RDC approved the resolution upon the endorsement of the city council.

He said the expansion of the water service is one of the priority projects of the medium-term regional development plan of the infrastructure sector. The project, Nasol said, aims to provide adequate, safe and reliable water supply to both rural and urban areas in the region where Cagayan de Oro is the premier trade and commercial center.

Though the plan to expand the water services here would ensure adequate supply, concessionaires would, however, be burdened with additional rates.

Under the BOT scheme, water rates would have to be increased to P300 per 10 cubic meters from the current rate of P90 per 10 cubic meters. ***Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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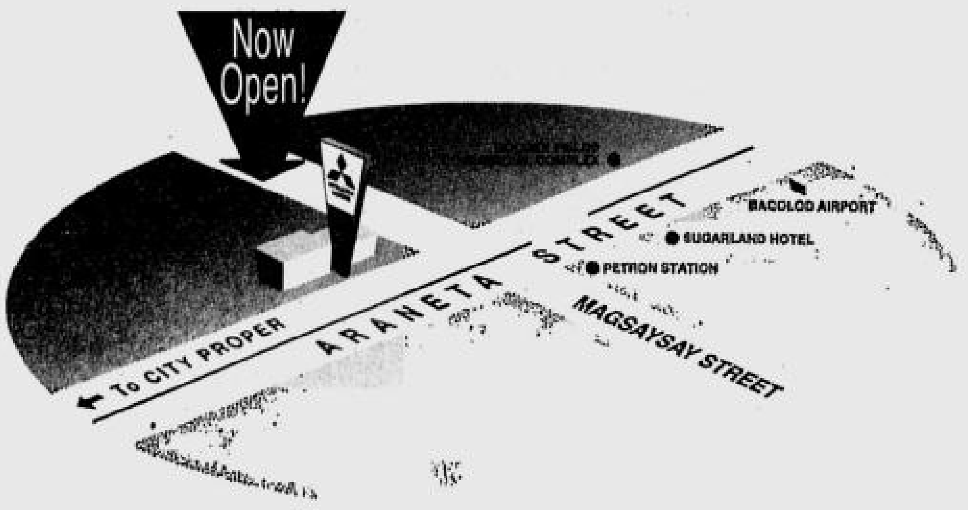

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northwestern Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.
• SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy with Rains	HI 33° Lo 24°
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	HI 22° Lo 15°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 21°
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Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 23°
Davao	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

Woman kills self

ROXAS CITY—A 33-year-old woman known here to be suffering from mental illness drowned after she jumped into the Panay River near the city plaza on Sept. 18. Mariquita Lopez of Aglipay Street was seen standing on the Capiz Bridge about 9 a.m. shortly before she jumped into the river. Two bystanders fished her out of the water and brought her to the nearby Roxas Memorial Provincial Hospital where she was declared dead on arrival. Lopez was a familiar figure here as she is often begging for money from motorists, passersby and churchgoers.

Gerry Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau

Troop transfer stopped

DUMAGUETE CITY—Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras stopped the deployment of the 66th Infantry Battalion to Basilan. He said adding more troopers to Basilan would not solve the Abu Sayyaf problem. "Sending one more battalion to Basilan will not make any difference because there are over 10 battalions there now," he said. The deployment of the 66th IB was scheduled last week but Paras lobbied with the Armed Forces of the Philippines to stop the transfer. Paras said the transfer would result in a lack of soldiers in the province. The 66th IB operates in the northern half of Negros Oriental and in some parts of Negros Occidental.

Alex Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau

Quake jolts Baguio

BAGUIO CITY—An Intensity 3 earthquake of tectonic origin shook this city and nearby areas at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday. There were no reports of injuries or damages. The quake's epicenter was traced in San Fernando City, La Union. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology here said the movement of the earth's sub-surface plates along the San Manuel fault triggered the quake, which lasted five seconds.

Nathan Alcantara, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

2 killed in accident

SAN RAFAEL, Bulacan—Two persons were killed while four others were seriously hurt when their taxicab smashed into a passenger bus along the Doña Remedios Trinidad Highway in Barangay San Roque here Monday. Killed were Isabel de la Cruz, 46, and Joan Montreal, 21, both from Camella Homes in Bacoor, Cavite. Police said the Manila-bound taxi driven by Venancio Pascual tried to overtake a Five Star bus driven by Dionisio Galvez but the bus refused to give way. Police here arrested and charged Galvez with double homicide and multiple physical injuries.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Man kills brother

LEGAZPI CITY—A 23-year-old fisherman stabbed to death his elder brother on Monday in Barangay Barceloneta, Cabusao, Camarines Sur. Police identified the victim as Henry Candelaria Jr., 33, and the suspect as Rico, who immediately fled after the stabbing. The brothers reportedly had a misunderstanding.

Rey Nasol, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Farmer beheads farmer

LEGAZPI CITY—A farmer of Barangay Abaca, Cataingan, Masbate, was beheaded by another farmer due to a personal grudge. Police identified the victim as Abundio Hista, 70, and the suspect as Ramil Villugonda, 35, also of the same place. The suspect turned himself in at the Cataingan police station.

Rey Nasol, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Filipino-Lebanese held

LEGAZPI CITY—A Filipino-Lebanese was arrested for murder in Purok 7, Barangay Rizal, Sta. Elena, Camarines Norte, Monday night. Elements of the Sta. Elena municipal police arrested Sammy Chabeldine, 57, while he was aboard a Superline bus bound for Manila. Chabeldine was wanted for two murder cases filed at the Sta. Elena Municipal Circuit Trial Court.

Rey Nasol, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Casuals laid off

SAN PABLO CITY—Mayor Florante "Boy" Aquino Jr. has terminated the services of 752 casual office employees of the city hall effective Sept. 16 for lack of funds. A city hall officer, who requested anonymity, told the INQUIRER that the casual employees, some of whom have served the government for up to eight years under various mayors, had to be laid off until sufficient funds are available to pay for their salaries. Attempts to reach Aquino yesterday for comment were fruitless.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

'Lumads' get solar energy

MATI, Davao Oriental—At least 70 Mandaya *lumad* families in Barangays Makupa and Kabasnan here are starting to enjoy the benefits of electricity through solar panels provided by the Department of Energy (DoE). Provincial Planning and Development officer Milagros Rabanes said the energy department poured in P975,000 while the provincial government spent P200,000 in counterpart funds for the project. The Mandayas are among the poorest people of Davao Oriental.

Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

'SIMPLE TECHNIQUE'

Siphoning of crater lake sought

BY TONETTE OREJAS
PDI Central Luzon Desk

AETA children take their daily bath, part of the Aetas' routine that won't be disrupted by evacuation from a possible overflow of water in Pinatubo.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Without power machines, without so many laborers and without requiring another evacuation, the government can still reduce the water at Mt. Pinatubo's crater lake and the risks of floods and lahar to 40,000 residents in Botolan, Zambales.

How? Through siphoning that relies on nature's "free gifts" of atmospheric pressure and gravity, said geologist Kelvin Rodolfo.

Rodolfo proposed the siphoning of the lake's water because the canal built to drain water off the crater "failed to stop the lake (from) rising" and the probability of a strong typhoon is "very possible" to occur this year.

Super-typhoons "Kadiang" in 1993 and "Mameng" in 1995 occurred in October, he said.

The water in the lake, breached last Sept. 6 through the canal, flowed at a stable rate of one-fourth cubic meter per second.

"It has only reduced the rise by about 12 percent," Rodolfo said.

He said at this rate, rains would send the water level rising to an average of 5 centimeters daily.

Before the breaching, the 3-km wide lake held more than 200 million cubic meters of water. The lake formed when the June 1991 eruptions created a hollow crater.

Rising water, especially during this year's rainy season, caused pressure on the crater wall, especially on the low Maraunot notch that faces Botolan.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) and the United States Geological Sciences had wanted the breaching to happen very quickly to reduce the threats to Botolan.

A Phivolcs primer said the breaching would take only "15 minutes to three hours." The primer also said strong flow along the Maraunot and Bucao rivers would last no more than "one or two days."

But to the dismay of the Phivolcs, the slope that the Department of Public Works and Highways built was tilted slightly upward. This error, which the DPWH refused to admit until now, drained the water slowly.

"At the core of the failure was the assessment that the rocks underlying the notch are highly susceptible to erosion," Rodolfo said.

This assessment, according to him, was not made by qualified people but by undergraduate students as a term project.

"Test samples were far too small to represent the bulk material," he said.

The experimental procedure, done for the first time in a Philippine volcano, was also "seriously flawed," he said.

The Aetas who dug up the canal were unsupervised, at least when visited by scientists commissioned by the Britain-based aid organization Oxfam last Aug. 30.

"They did not leave a plug at the lake edge that Phivolcs considered crucial because its removal was to serve as the trigger for the induced breaching," Rodolfo said.

He called the siphoning a "simple, elegant hazard-mitigation technique" which will maximize the finished canal.

All that are needed, he added, are lightweight plastic pipes.

One pipe—5 inches in diameter and no more than 100 meters long—could siphon away 0.08 cubic meters of water per second.

Rodolfo said its lower end of 3 meters would have to be positioned vertically below the lake surface. This can be done after the rainy season.

Each Botolan barangay along the path of the water can provide a siphon. This, if done by the people, is more empowering to them.

"We cannot pick the time for a catastrophic breach, if it is ever to happen. (The) Phivolcs would like to dig the trench one meter deeper, but this would require another evacuation, this time more than one day, and its efficacy, as well as the willingness of the Botolan people to evacuate again, are questionable," he said.

PLAY
CHARLIE SACEDA
No place is hostile enough to prevent what comes naturally to children—play. Not even in Sulu, which celebrated recently its 611th anniversary as a province torn by strife.

ARMM execs shut out Mindanao business conference from venue

COTABATO CITY—The acting governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has refused to allow organizers of a conference of local and international businessmen use the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Center as the conference's venue.

The move has stunned organizers of the 10th Mindanao Business Conference (Minbizcon) which started yesterday with President Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor and speaker.

Due to the expected number of investors from Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia, organizers decided to hold the plenary at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Center, a government building which could accommodate 1,500 people at one time.

Two days before the assembly of business executives, acting ARMM Gov. Alvares Isnaji issued a memorandum directing autonomous region Cabinet officials not to allow the use of the Shariff Kabunsuan Center for security reasons.

Preparations

"We are saddened by this development because everything has been prepared, the venue, the accommodation, security and everything," said Dr. Danda Juanday, Minbizcon secretary general, in an interview with radio station dxMS here.

With the autonomous region's refusal to allow the use of the cultural center, organizers decided to hold all the conference's activities at the Estosan Garden Hotel.

At least 100 businessmen, both local and foreign, have registered to join the biggest business conference here, according to Juanday, adding that the assembly expects some 400 participants from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines' East Asian Growth Area.

Isnaji said his order was made to "ensure safety and avoid (any) untoward incident inside the ARMM compound."

It was learned that soldiers were already deployed to every corner of the compound, setting aside the Regional Security Group composed of Moro National Liberation Front members who were hired to secure ARMM officials and the center's premises.

Checkpoint

But a source said Isnaji was blocked at a checkpoint by soldiers as he was about to enter the ARMM compound Wednesday. Since he had no ID from the Minbizcon organizers, he was denied entry.

This angered Isnaji, according to a source inside the ARMM.

Isnaji refused to talk to media and efforts to reach his deputies proved futile. Another source said the decision not to lend the cultural center has the blessing of Gov. Nur Misuari, who reportedly was expecting to be invited in the Minbizcon and be given the chance to speak before the business leaders.

The Minbizcon program of activities showed no participation from the ARMM governor. A source from the Minbizcon said "Misuari is out of the country, how could he join the gathering?"

Hosting the affair is Cotabato City Mayor Muslimin Sema, the MNLF secretary general and influential member of the Council of 15, a faction in the MNLF that broke away from Misuari's leadership.

Misuari has accused the Macapagal administration of plotting the rift in the MNLF to divide the former guerrilla group.

The MNLF entered into a peace agreement with the government in September 1996. Misuari has repeatedly accused the government of reneging on key provisions of that agreement.

Edwin Fernandez and Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Ex-mayor ordered held for murder of rival

SAN ILDEFONSO, Bulacan—A judge on Wednesday ordered the arrest of former Mayor Enrique Viudez in connection with the murder of his political rival, former Mayor Honorato Galvez, and his bodyguard in June last year.

A police team, however, failed to arrest Viudez on Wednesday night.

The team, immediately after Judge Basilio Gabo Jr. issued the warrant late Wednesday afternoon, received information that Viudez's Nissan Safari was seen along the highway in Pulilan town.

Policemen went to the area and pursued the vehicle that reportedly came from the regional trial court offices in Malolos earlier that afternoon.

Policemen stopped the vehicle along the Barangay Maasim Road here but found only Viudez's driver, identified only as "Bocayo," and bodyguard Mario Ablaza in the vehicle.

Viudez, Eulogio Villanueva, Cirilo de la Cruz, Ronald Malagay, Gilberto Chico and another unidentified suspect were earlier charged with the murder of Galvez and his bodyguard Rodolfo Mangahas.

Galvez and Mangahas were shot and killed in Barangay San Juan here on June 9, 2000. The slaying occurred after Galvez attended a meeting with his supporters to discuss his plans to run for mayor in the May 14 elections against Viudez, his former vice mayor.

Galvez figured in the celebrated Vinculado murder case in 1993 but was acquitted of murder charges in 1996.

De la Cruz, Malagay and Chico were arrested several months after the killing and are detained at the provincial jail in Malolos town. Another suspect remains at large.

Villanueva was believed to have fled to the United States after Galvez's killing.

Viudez ran and won against Galvez's widow Estrella in the mayoral elections in 1998.

During the May 14 elections, Viudez did not run for reelection and opted to run for provincial board member of the third district. One of his opponents was Estrella Galvez. Both Viudez and Galvez lost in the race.

Senior Supt. Edgardo Acuña, Bulacan police director, said the provincial police had prepared the necessary documents for the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Immigration to facilitate the issuance of a hold departure order against Viudez.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

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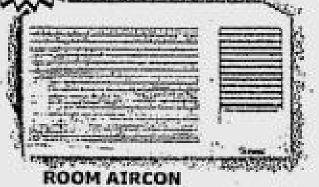

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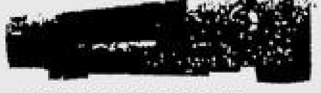

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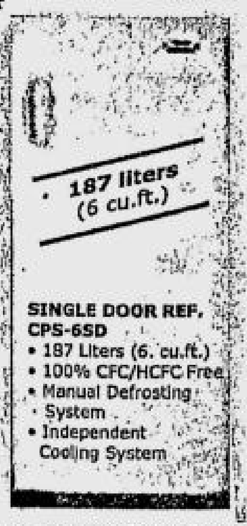

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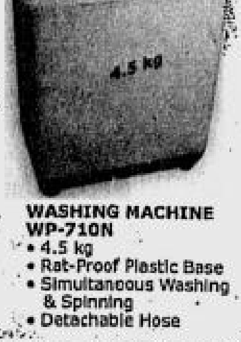

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The PCGG filed its first case for recovery against the Marcoses in December 1986. In July 1987, thirty-four more cases for recovery were filed against the Marcoses and against those determined by the PCGG to be among the "relatives, subordinates and close associates" who accumulated ill-gotten wealth during the Marcos regime. Since then, of these 35 cases, two have been rendered moot with the recovery of the properties involved. One was dismissed with finality. One was dismissed without prejudice to its re-filing. Four were terminated due to compromise agreements. (A total of 37 compromise agreements were entered into, with at least 16 now being reviewed.) Of the 27 pending recovery cases, eight are still in the pre-trial stage. Seventeen are on trial. Two have not moved because the defendants have eluded service of summons.

Subsequently, seven cases for forfeiture under Republic Act 1379 were also filed. This includes a case for the forfeiture of $656.62 Million in known Marcos Swiss deposits. In September 19, 2000, the Sandiganbayan forfeited these deposits in the Republic's favor. All the other forfeiture cases are still pending. The PCGG has filed several petitions with various foreign governments in connection with ill-gotten wealth hidden abroad under the treaty on International Mutual Assistance on Criminal Matters (IMAC). Out of all these efforts, the PCGG has recovered about $2 Billion in ill-gotten assets in 15 years. All recoveries are to be turned over to the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

All criminal cases involving Marcos-related ill-gotten wealth are being handled by the Ombudsman. In contrast to some counterpart civil cases for recovery, the Ombudsman has either dismissed a number of criminal complaints or has filed motions to withdraw some of those already filed in court. The Sandiganbayan has also dismissed some of these criminal cases. The PCGG has appealed these dismissals to the Supreme Court.

As of September 2001, the PCGG is a party to more than 50 cases before the Sandiganbayan and to more than 60 cases in the Supreme Court. It is represented by the Office of the Solicitor-General, assisted by 14 PCGG lawyers. On this page is a table showing 12 principal defendants falling under E.O 1, the status of the pending civil cases and some of the criminal cases against them and the assets alleged to be ill-gotten that are involved. The list is not exhaustive. It excludes the rest of the cases filed by the PCGG. This is being published so that the people may know.

Note: Aside from the principal defendants which are listed in Table 1, the following persons were also made defendants in the following cases, which are either pending or which may be re-opened:

Defendants	Civil Case/Status	Principal Assets Involved
Andres Genito (Estate) et al.	Civil Case 004 Trial on-going	Shares in Angenit Investment Corp., First Phil. Holdings, SMC and 7 other companies, various real estate and 28 bank accounts
Roman Cruz (Estate) et al.	Civil Case 006 Trial suspended by Supreme Court	Various real estate in the Philippines and abroad
Ricardo Silverio et al.	Civil Case 011 Trial on-going	Various real estate in the Philippines and abroad
Anos Fonacier et al.	Civil Case 012 Terminated by compromise agreement. Agreement subject to review for non-compliance.	Shares in Cebu Plaza Hotel, other hotels and real estate.
Modesto Enriquez/Rebecco Panlilio et al.	Civil Case 014 Trial on-going	Philippine Village Hotel, Silahis International Corp., Sulo Hotel, other real estate and shares in 20 other corporations
Alberto Looyuko et al.	Civil Case 015 Dismissed, without prejudice to re-filing	Noah's Ark Inc. and various real property
Armando Romualdez et al.	Civil Case 019 On trial	Shares in Golden Country Farms and 4 other corporations and real estate
Jose de Venecia et al.	Civil Case 020 Terminated by compromise agreement. Agreement subject to review for non-compliance.	Shares in Landoil and other corporations and proceeds from foreign litigation.
Emilio Yap et al.	Civil Case 022 Trial on-going	Shares in Phil. Dockyard Corp., BASECO, Manila Int'l Port Terminal, *Bulletin* and U.S. Automotives Corp.
Manuel Bakunawa et al.	Civil Case 023 Trial on-going	Shares in Hi-Tri Dev't. Corp., 7R Dev't. Corp and 3 other companies
Peter Sabido et al.	Civil case 024 On trial	Shares in Llanga Bay Logging, PIMECO and other companies
Remedios Argana et al.	Civil Case 026 On trial	Shares in Refedor Dev't Corp. and real estate
Vicente Chuidian et al.	Civil Case 027 On trial	Shares in Dynetics Inc. and other corporations
Alfonso Lim/Teodoro Peña et al.	Civil Case 030 On trial	Shares in Taggat Industries, Pamplona Redwood and other logging companies
Gen. Tomas Dumpit (Ret.) et al.	Civil Case 036 Under re-investigation	Forfeiture of unexplained wealth under R.A. 1379
Gen. Josephus Ramas (Ret.) et al.	Civil Case 037 Dismissal on appeal in the Supreme Court	Forfeiture of unexplained wealth under R.A. 1379
Gen. Jaime Echevarria (Ret.) et al.	Civil Case 038 Sandiganbayan ordered forfeiture.	Forfeiture of unexplained wealth under R.A. 1379
Jolly Bugarin et al.	Civil Case 039 Dismissed and now on appeal before the Supreme Court.	Forfeiture of unexplained wealth under R.A. 1379

TABLE 1. Principal Defendants, Their Cases, and Properties Involved

PRINCIPAL DEFENDANTS *(Note: Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos are defendants in all PCGG recovery civil cases)*	**CIVIL CASES FOR RECONVEYANCE OR FORFEITURE** *(Handled by PCGG & Office of the Solicitor-General)*	**PROPERTY, ASSETS OR TRANSACTION INVOLVED**	**CRIMINAL CASE/S** *(Handled by Ombudsman & Office of Special Prosecutor)*
Ferdinand Marcos (Estate) & Imelda R. Marcos Co-defendants in Civil Case 002: **Imee Manotoc, Tomas Manotoc, Irene Araneta, Gregorio Araneta III, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., and 7 other persons.**	**Civil Case 002** Formal offer of evidence already filed by PCGG.	The property claimed by Imelda Marcos is estimated to be worth between $5-10 Billion. This includes shares in PLDT, Meralco, SMC and other companies, paintings, jewelry and cash. This also includes real property here and abroad, such as 11 'Presidential guest houses, including the Olot Mansion in Leyte.	**Crim. Case Nos. 17450** and **17453** involving LRT construction led to conviction of Imelda Marcos by Sandiganbayan, but reversed and acquitted by Supreme Court on October 6, 1998.
	Civil Case 141 Decided in favor of PCGG. Imelda Marcos filed a motion for reconsideration. It has been pending Sandiganbayan resolution since September 2000.	Civil Case 141 covers the known Swiss deposits amounting to $656.62 M of six known Marcos front foundations. The amount is presently held in escrow at the Philippine National Bank, pending final decision.	**Crim. Case Nos. 17287-91,** involving the Swiss deposits in Civil Case 141 still pending.
Eduardo 'Danding' Cojuangco Jr. Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Juan Ponce-Enrile, Ma. Clara Lobregat, Rolando de la Cuesta, Manuel del Rosario, Ernest Escaler, 27 other persons, COCOFED and 82 corporations.**	**Civil Cases 33-A to H** Sandiganbayan is awaiting resolution by the Supreme Court of related issues; PCGG ready to present evidence. Pending Supreme Court cases involve the right to vote sequestered SMC and UCPB shares as well as cases filed by small coconut farmers on the nature of the coco levy fund.	These cases involve the estimated the P100 Billion coconut levy collected from small coconut farmers during Martial Law. This also involves shares in 82 corporations, including UCPB, its subsidiaries and 51% of San Miguel Corporation. At present, the sequestered SMC shares are valued at P50 Billion.	**Crim. Case Nos. 14398-99** involving P8M donation to COCOFED. **OMB. Case Nos. 0-90-28081 & 0-92-0858** involving P840 M 'Bugsuk Island' hybrid coconut project arbitration award.
	Civil Case No. 0022 Co-defendants: **Emilio Yap, Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Cesar Zalamea.** Trial is on-going, with PCGG presenting rebuttal evidence.	This involves shares in *Manila Bulletin* alleged to have been acquired by defendants, including Eduardo Cojuangco, for the benefit of the Marcoses.	Eduardo Cojuangco questioned filing of **Crim. Case No. 14161** *(People vs. Cojuangco)* involving *Bulletin* shares. In August this year, the Supreme Court affirmed the existence of probable cause and ordered trial to proceed.
Lucio Tan Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Carmen Khao Tan, Mariano Tan Eng Lian, Estate of Benito Tan, Harry Tan, 20 other persons and 40 corporations.**	**Civil Case 005** Pre-trial stage suspended due to incidents pending resolutions involving 3 other defendants and with pending petitions to lift sequestration filed by defendants.	This involves the ownership of Allied Bank, Fortune Tobacco, Asia Brewery and more than 35 other corporations and their assets.	**OMB Case No. 91-0382** *(People v. Lucio Tan et al.,)* dismissed by Ombudsman for 'insufficiency of evidence.' The dismissal is on appeal before the Supreme Court in **G.R. No. 131397,** ***Republic vs. Aniano Desierto***.
Herminio Disini Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Rodolfo Jacob & Rafael Sison.**	**Civil Case 013** Disini has continued to evade service of summons since 1987. PCGG is now determining the legal residence of Disini.	This and related cases, including 'behest loan' cases, involves about P5 B in various loans extended to the Herdis group of companies, and the alleged bribery in the Bataan nuclear power plant project. Also involved are known Swiss deposits in the name of Disini presently amounting to about $1 M.	**OMB Case No. 91-0800** and **OMB Case No. 93-1375** in connection with the Bataan nuclear power plant were dismissed by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto in 1997 and 1999 for 'lack of probable cause'. The dismissals are now on appeal in the Supreme Court in **G.R. No. 132120** and **G.R. No. 143037.**
Geronimo Velasco Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Alfredo de Borja and 11 corporations.**	**Civil Case No. 003** PCGG filed its formal offer of evidence in 1995. Sandiganbayan has not acted on PCGG's formal offer since then.	This involves shares in Telin Development Inc., Gervel Inc., Republic Glass Corporation and various other companies. This also involves various real estate and known Swiss deposits estimated at $15M.	**Crim. Case No. 13006** was dismissed by Sandiganbayan in 1999 and is now pending appeal before the Supreme Court in **G.R. No. 140633.**
Fabian Ver (Estate) Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Irwin, Rexor and Wyrlo Ver, Faida Ver, Edna Camcam, Arturo Pacificador and 14 other persons.**	**Civil Case 017** Trial is on-going. PCGG will soon file its formal offer of evidence.	This and its corresponding criminal case involves assets acquired by the defendants through the operation of the 'Binondo Central Bank.' Edna Camcam has reported Swiss and other foreign accounts, but the exact amount is unknown.	After **Crim. Case No. 21133** was filed against the same defendants in Civil Case 17, Ombudsman Aniano Desierto filed a motion to withdraw the case. It is still pending before the Sandiganbayan.
	Civil Case 021 Co-defendants: **Edward Marcelo, Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Marcelo Fiberglass Corp. and 15 corporations.** Marcelo filed a motion for summary judgment asking for dismissal of the case. It was denied by the Sandiganbayan this year.	This case involves a guaranteed loan for 55 patrol boats for the Philippine Navy worth P425 M that were undelivered.	
Bienvenido and Gliceria Tantoco Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Bienvenido Tantoco Jr., Lourdes Tantoco-Pineda and Dominador Santiago.**	**Civil Case 008** Trial is on-going. In a related case, the Sandiganbayan allowed the release of an estimated P12 M in bank deposits to the defendants, despite the sequestration of these deposits. PCGG asked for reconsideration.	This involves TDFI Inc., owned by the defendants, which was granted a franchise by Marcos to exclusively operate tourist-duty free shops in the country. (The franchise was revoked by President Aquino in 1986 through E.O. 24.) Also involved are shares of stock in Rustan's Commercial Corporation, Paper Industries Corporation (PICOP), 21 other corporations, jewelry and bank deposits.	
Alfredo 'Bejo' Romualdez Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos and 43 other persons**	**Civil Case 0010** Defendants filed a motion to dismiss in 1997. It has been pending in the Sandiganbayan since then.	This involves various sequestered property, including shares of stock and real estate. This includes the Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Co. (BASECO)*.	**Crim Case No. 13736** involving the sale of Engineering Island to BASECO is undergoing re-investigation. Arraignment has been set to October 4, 2001.
	Civil Case 0167 This is the forfeiture case relating to the Swiss accounts of 'Bejo' Romualdez, pending trial.	The defendant has known Swiss accounts, which no longer had substantial deposits upon turn-over of records to the PCGG by Swiss authorities this year.	In **Crim. Case Nos. 17843-46** related to the above case, arraignment is set for November 9, 2001, with a pending motion for suspension of the accused as Mayor of Tacloban City
			Crim. Case Nos. 13045 & 13298, regarding the anomalous sale by EPZA of its Bataan Properties to BASECO, are under re-investigation.
Benjamin 'Kokoy' Romualdez Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Juliette Romualdez, Francisco and Delia Tantuico, Edon and Conchita Yap, Eduardo Abello, Cleofe Versola and 40 other persons.**	**Civil Case 0035** The PCGG's motion to admit its 3rd Amended Complaint remains unresolved. Meantime, summons on the 2nd Amended Complaint could not be served on Romualdez, who has not indicated his present address. Six other motions are also pending resolution by the Sandiganbayan.	This involves shares in Meralco, PLDT, the *Times Journal,* Palm Avenue Realty, Transmiddle East Inc., the former PCI Bank and other companies and their assets.	**Crim. Case Nos. 13406 to 13429** are for the non-filing of Statements of Assets & Liabilities (SALs) by Romualdez from 1962-1985. Pending preliminary investigation by the Ombudsman, as ordered by the Supreme Court.
			Crim. Case No. 13403 is for alleged double compensation as Governor of Leyte while Ambassador to China, Saudi Arabia and the U.S. This is pending re-investigation by the Ombudsman.
Rodolfo Cuenca Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos and 15 other persons.**	**Civil Case 0016** PCGG filed its formal offer of evidence on August 27, 2001. Additional evidence was subsequently presented, with defendants objecting.	This involves shares in the former Construction and Development Corporation of the Philippines (CDCP) as well as in five other corporations and their assets.	No criminal case involving the subject of Civil Case 0016 are pending against Cuenca due to an 'immunity agreement' with the PCGG.
Fe Roa-Gimenez and Ignacio B. Gimenez Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Vilma Bautista and Gregorio Bautista.**	**Civil Case 007** Pre-trial was terminated and trial will begin on November 5, 2001.	This involves shares in I.B. Gimenez Securities Inc., Guaranteed Education Inc., Allied Bank and 22 other corporations. Also covers various real properties and bank accounts, including known Swiss accounts.	**Crim. Case No. 17454** was withdrawn by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto on June 21, 1993.
(Roberto Benedicto), Jose Africa, Victor Africa and Manuel Nieto or the 'BAN' group. Co-defendants: **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, Juan Ponce-Enrile and two corporations.**	**Civil Case 009** (Benedicto was dropped as defendant based on a compromise agreement along with Potenciano Ilusorio) PCGG filed its formal offer of evidence in 1999. Defendants all filed demurrers to evidence. The case is pending resolution.	This involves shares of stock in Eastern Telecoms (ETPI), Phil. Overseas Telecoms (POTC), DOMSAT and 20 other corporations as well as 21 bank accounts and various real estate.	

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4 killed in gov't raid in downtown Marawi

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the crossfire when the syndicate, allegedly composed of former members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), fired at the raiding team, according to police and civilian sources.

The civilian victims were identified as Asnawi Dimaronsing and Daud Alioden, both residents of Marawi City.

The firefight prompted government officials in the city to order employees to go home. Even the Mindanao State University was forced to suspend classes.

Supt. Omar Pango Ali, spokesperson of the autonomous region police, told the INQUIRER that some 30 armed men led by Mitomara Sidik, a former MNLF commander, started firing indiscriminately, when they sensed the raiding team was approaching the building.

Two of Sidik's men were among those who died.

Ali said the raid was launched after police received reports that Sidik's men were stockpiling firearms in the three-story building on Quezon Avenue that they had occupied for several days.

Ali said the stockpiling of firearms could be related to an instruction that MNLF chair Nur Misuari had allegedly issued to his men for them to conduct destabilization activities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

The ARMM comprises Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi.

"This Commander Mitomara claimed he had instructions from Misuari to launch destabilization anywhere in the ARMM," Ali said.

But Randolph Parcasio, a top aide of Misuari, said it was unthinkable for the MNLF to launch destabilization moves.

"This guy could be one of those who are out to discredit Chairman Misuari," Parcasio said.

The MNLF signed a peace agreement with the Philippine government in 1996, ending more than two decades of an armed campaign to set up an Islamic state in the southern third of the mainly Roman Catholic archipelago.

About 7,500 MNLF fighters were integrated into the military and police forces, but the rest of the rebel force refused to disarm.

The government is holding peace talks with a second rebel group in Mindanao, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, while staging a major operation against Abu Sayyaf bandits, who are holding 18 hostages including an American Christian missionary couple.

Col. Santiago Prejido, commander of the 401st Infantry Brigade, did not consider Sidik's group part of any Moro rebel group.

He maintained that "these are lawless elements and plain criminals."

"This group has been tagged by authorities as the most notorious in Lanao del Sur and its members are into big time illegal drugs dealings and gunrunning," Prejido said.

Sidik is also the prime suspect in the death of the municipal treasurer of Marawi in August.

As of late afternoon yesterday, Prejido said the raiding team managed to confine Sidik's group to the second floor while government troops took the first and the second.

Lanao del Sur Gov. Mamintal Adiong told the INQUIRER that about a week ago, he had asked Sidik's group to leave Marawi City because its presence in the city was endangering the civilians.

Adiong yesterday led a panel of negotiators, which succeeded in convincing 12 of Sidik's men to surrender. However, four of those who surrendered escaped while lawmen were bringing them to the police station.

As of press time, Sidik's men were still holed in the building and occasional firing could be heard from both sides.

With reports from Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Norman Bordadora and AFP

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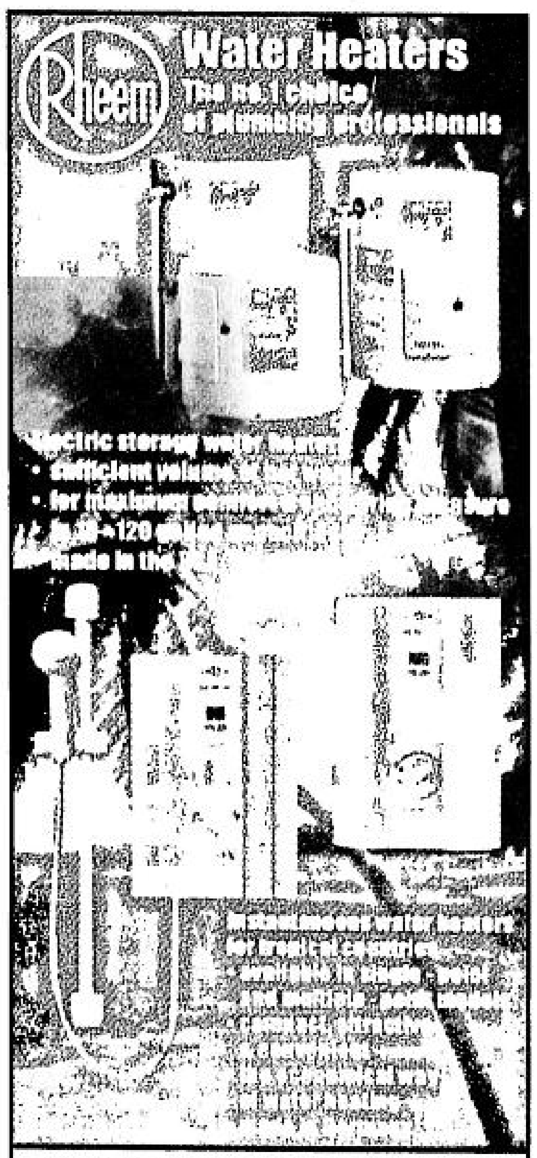

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Bin Laden urged to leave

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Bin Laden to leave Afghanistan at the proper time and of his own choice," said Haqqani, who was a participant in the talks.

It was unclear whether the resolution would be enough to dissuade US President George W. Bush from launching massive military strikes against the impoverished nation of Afghanistan, where Bin Laden and his followers have had sanctuary for five years.

The Taliban rulers, who called the meeting of the clerics, are likely to follow its direction, but it was uncertain whether Bin Laden would be prepared to leave Afghanistan, where he is known to operate training camps for Islamic extremists.

There was no mention in the clerics' final statement about the camps or Bin Laden's followers, who include thousands of radicals from throughout the Muslim world.

As predicted by many analysts, the clerics also passed a resolution that called for a jihad, or holy war, if the United States attacks Afghanistan.

"If a powerful country attacks a weak country, it is a jihad for all Muslims. When a non-Muslim country attacks a Muslim country, it is a jihad," the ulema said.

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They said that the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, an organization of 52 Islamic nations, should investigate claims about Bin Laden's guilt and demand that US forces do not put civilians at risk if they attack Afghanistan.

"Don't kill innocent people," they said.

Omar, who is believed to have final decision-making power, did not attend the clerics' meetings in Kabul, remaining at the Taliban headquarters in Kandahar.

On Wednesday, Maulana Sami-ul Haq, chair of the militant Pakistan Defense Council, a group of 35 Islamic organizations, said "Pakistan would have to support an edict for such a jihad."

Also on Wednesday, Omar said the Taliban leadership was willing to meet with US officials, even as he accused Washington of unfairly vilifying Bin Laden.

The Bush administration rejected the offer for talks. "The president has made it clear it's time for actions, not negotiations with the Taliban," said White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer.

The same day, the US Air Force laid the groundwork for dispatching dozens of warplanes to the Persian Gulf area, setting in motion "Operation Infinite Justice" for the promised war on terrorism.

'Lesser' calamity

In a televised address Wednesday night that was closely monitored by Washington, Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf attempted to explain his decision to help US forces capture or kill Bin Laden by providing access to his country's air space and land.

"When you are faced with two calamities and must choose one, then it is better to choose the lesser one," Musharraf said, wearing his military uniform.

"Pakistan is passing through a very serious time. Our decision today will impact our future," said the president and general, punctuating his speech with stories and quotes from the Quran, Islam's holy book.

Newspapers there have reported that Islamabad is asking for a $3-billion debt to be written off by the United States in return for Pakistan's cooperation.

Musharraf said he sent a letter to Omar about "the gravity of the situation."

He also said he was asking the United States "to take whatever action it wants with tolerance, to show tolerance and balance in whatever it wants to do, and on the issue of Bin Laden we are asking them for whatever proof they have."

Snap poll

But Musharraf's decision to help the United States has sparked anger and fear among many in Pakistan, a Muslim nation of 140 million people, where some groups strongly back Bin Laden and the Taliban.

More than two-thirds of the Pakistani population think their government should side with Afghanistan rather than the United States in the event of a US attack, a Gallup poll said Wednesday.

The snap poll of 500 people showed 85 percent believed a US strike against Afghanistan was imminent.

While 32 percent of people supported Musharraf's decision to lend Pakistan's support to the United States, 62 percent opposed it.

Only 7 percent said Pakistan should side with the United States if Washington attacks Afghanistan, while 27 percent advised neutrality and 63 percent said it should side with Afghanistan.

"The survey findings show that Pakistanis make a sharp distinction between the right to seek extradition and the right to make military strikes," Gallup said in a statement.

"It is interesting to note that in 27 out of 29 countries where this global survey was carried out by Gallup International, majorities opposed military strike."

Pakistan has seen days of vocal protests from religious groups against possible US attacks on Afghanistan and Pakistan's promised cooperation.

In Peshawar yesterday, protesters burned an effigy of Bush, shouted "long live Osama bin Laden," and vowed jihad against America and Musharraf.

"If our government gives air or ground space to America, we will declare a jihad against the government," said a protest organizer.

The demonstrators chanted, "Friends of America are traitors," and a speaker blared, "The Pakistani government is a traitor against the people and against the faith." *Reports from AP and AFP*

Perez belittles Lacson documents

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

JUSTICE Secretary Hernando Perez doubts whether the documents Sen. Panfilo Lacson plans to present before the Senate can prove that he is not involved in money laundering.

Perez said the documents, in order to be considered genuine, must be authenticated by the Philippine consul assigned to the country where Lacson acquired them.

"I really doubt if (Lacson) has any document to prove or to exculpate him(self) from (the Senate) investigation. What kind of documents does he plan to present? Let him show them to me and I will tell him the defects of those papers," Perez challenged Lacson in Filipino.

Asked whether the papers that Lacson had gathered in the United States were fake, Perez replied in Taglish: "I don't mean that. What I'm saying is these are probably not relevant. Let him say what those papers are and I will tell you if (they have) any value whatsoever."

Lacson arrived in Manila Wednesday night after visiting the US to get the documents.

Lacson is apparently gearing for a showdown with military intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus, who had earlier told the media that the senator had stashed $211 million in various bank accounts in Hong Kong, Canada and the US.

The money is apart from other bank accounts he supposedly maintains jointly with either wife Alice or former President Joseph Estrada.

Corpus further alleged that the money came from kidnapping, drug trafficking and smuggling.

Lacson refused to discuss the documents he gathered with reporters who covered his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

But Perez foresees that the papers would be limited to bank certificates denying the existence of his alleged accounts.

News, Nostradamus . . .

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dropped off their lists of top 10 search terms in the days following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Popular search terms last week turned almost exclusively to disaster-related information," said David Emanuel, spokesperson for the popular search engine AltaVista, which tracks top search terms. Almost all perennial favorites like Pamela Anderson Lee, Britney Spears and Backstreet Boys were knocked off the list.

Sex, a longtime favorite usually in the top 10, dropped to No. 17, Emanuel said.

Instead of entertainment and assorted fluff that has for years attracted the bulk of all Internet traffic, it was news, news and more news that people were looking for on AltaVista.

CNN, News, World Trade Center, BBC and Pentagon were the top searches on the site last week.

The search engine Google, which tracks shifting preferences by measuring the top gaining and declining queries each week, saw the same basic pattern.

Topics related to sports, television and computers dropped in popularity on Google. Its top gainers were CNN, World Trade Center, Osama bin Laden, Taliban, American Flag, FBI, Pentagon, American Airlines and American Red Cross.

But it was not all news all the time on Google. The company said that no term enjoyed such a surge in popularity as Nostradamus.

The 16th century French astrologer, whose cryptic predictions may or may not have forecast everything that has ever happened, came into the spotlight following some widely circulated e-mails suggesting he had foretold such an attack in a prophecy that has been translated to read "in the year of the new century and nine months...."

Ask Jeeves, another Internet search service that lets visitors enter plain-English questions such as "Where is the World Trade Center?" said the majority of questions it received last week were in fact about the World Trade Center. Still, questions about Nostradamus did outnumber those about Osama bin Laden on its Web site.

At Yahoo News, producers had grown used to the funny, the quirky and the sexy stories getting more hits than the serious ones.

Until last week.

"You can see the nation's clearly obsessed with this tragedy," said Kourosh Karimkhany, senior producer for Yahoo News.

He said Yahoo's traffic had surged to at least 10 times normal levels since last week, and the overwhelming number of visitors were seeking information about the attacks. *Reuters*

Exiled Afghan king tells people: Rescue yourselves

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"I appeal to the Afghan people and to their sense of honor and patriotism to rescue ourselves from this dangerous situation," Zahir said.

The former king lives surrounded by a small court of aides and advisers and is rarely seen in public.

His 40-year reign ended with a coup by his nephew, which opened Afghanistan to three decades of conflict that have left it devastated.

An aide said Zahir's message was recorded and broadcast inside Afghanistan, but provided no details. An English translation was provided to The Associated Press in Rome.

Zahir's last appearance was in January at an assembly of Afghan exiles—loyalists in robes, turbans and fezzes and in European-cut suits dreaming of someday convening a traditional Grand Assembly of Afghan leaders in Kabul, the capital.

The former king offered a different interpretation of his homeland's religion and traditions from the brand of extremism imposed by the ruling Taliban.

"Historically our nation has acted in accordance to the guidance and tenets of Islam, embraced moderation and tolerance, opposed terrorism," he said.

Invaluable intelligence

According to diplomatic sources in Pakistan, the United States has already begun meeting with Afghan opposition leaders. It wasn't clear where the meetings were being held.

There were also reports that US personnel were in northern Afghanistan meeting another former Afghan leader, ex-President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who is headquartered in Faizabad, the capital of northeastern Badakhshan province, which borders Tajikistan in Central Asia.

After five years of military losses to the Taliban, the opposition controls barely 5 percent of Afghanistan, but is deeply familiar with the rugged terrain and would have invaluable intelligence for the United States, which is threatening to flush out Bin Laden.

Many of the opposition's fighters were warriors in the US-backed insurgency against the former Soviet Union.

"We have 15,000 people ready to fight. They are trained to fight the Taliban," A.G. Ravan Farhadi, the opposition's envoy in the United Nations, said earlier this week.

The parties within the anti-Taliban alliance fought for more than a decade in the mountains of Afghanistan and could provide crucial information about possible hide-outs of Bin Laden and his network, al-Qaida, meaning "the base" in Arabic.

Some opposition fighters may have been comrades-in-arms with some of those Arabs now belonging to al-Qaida, say analysts.

A US special forces team could also use opposition-held territory as a staging ground for any assault, analysts say.

Rabbani sent a letter to US President George W. Bush soon after the attacks in the United States, "supporting a collective response," said Farhadi.

Rabbani has also asked for a special meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss Afghanistan. "The people of Afghanistan are not only victims of terrorism but are in fact hostage to it," he said in a letter to the council Wednesday.

The opposition's deposed government still holds Afghanistan's seat in the United Nations and operates several embassies. The Taliban is formally recognized by only three governments.

Leaderless

But the opposition is in a weakened state after the recent assassination of its charismatic leader, Ahmed Shah Massood. It blames Bin Laden and the Taliban for the assassination.

Two days before last week's airborne assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, two men posing as television journalists died when the camera they were carrying stuffed with explosives blew up, killing Massood's spokesperson and eventually Massood.

No one has been able to link the assassination and the terror attacks, but some opponents of the Taliban say it was intended to weaken the opposition ahead of an expected retaliatory assault by Washington against Afghanistan.

This presumes that the killers of Massood knew the US terror attacks were going to take place beforehand and expected Washington to look for the perpetrators in Afghanistan.

Whether that proves to be true, the opposition that now wants to work with the United States is leaderless.

Massood was considered a skilled military strategist. Without him, the opposition is a weak collection of disparate groups, who fought each other bitterly when they ruled the Afghan capital of Kabul from 1992 until 1996, when the Taliban militia swept to power.

Pockets of ground

Coinciding with the reports that opposition and the Americans have met, were fresh Taliban offensives.

Fighter jets pounded opposition positions in northern Takhar province and at the battlefront north of the Afghan capital of Kabul earlier this week. The opposition initially reported that they had lost some high ground, which they said they later recaptured.

In recent years the opposition has been squeezed out of much of Afghanistan, holding pockets of ground in the north and central parts of the country.

One opposition leader who would be important to Washington is Rabbani's deputy prime minister, Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, who led the fundamentalist Islamic group Ittehad-e-Islami, or Islamic Unity.

Throughout the anti-communist insurgency, Sayyaf was heavily bankrolled by Saudi Arabia and his party recruited thousands of fighters from Arab countries. At the time his party was said to have largest number of Arabs in its ranks.

The United States and Saudi Arabia were said to be the largest financiers of Afghanistan's anti-communist insurgency that forced the Soviet withdrawal in 1989, and the eventual collapse of the pro-Moscow Afghan government in 1992. *Reports from AP*

100,000 lose jobs in airline industry

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Delta, Northwest and Southwest.

Airline executives lobbied Congress and the Bush administration this week for a bailout package consisting of credit and loans worth about $17.5 billion.

President George W. Bush is expected to ask Congress to give the nation's beleaguered airlines $5 billion in immediate cash aid plus significant help with their insurance liability—but not for now, the loans that the industry says it needs to avert bankruptcies.

According to administration officials, Bush will also immediately spend $3 billion of the emergency funds that Congress gave him over the weekend to pay for airline and airport security improvements such as fortified cockpits, sky marshals and additional airport searches.

Heavy losses

Airline industry losses for the year were likely to exceed $5 billion due to last week's two-day shutdown of the nation's air space, diminished spending by business travelers and new security measures mandated by the federal government, according to analysts.

With talk of a recession growing, stock markets suffering and Bush declaring a "war" on terrorism, carriers have scaled back flight schedules by 20 percent on the assumption that passenger volumes would be extremely weak for the foreseeable future.

But even before the Sept. 11 attacks, analysts said US carriers were on pace to lose about $2 billion in 2001.

Corporate spending, which accounts for between 50 and 70 percent of airline industry revenues, plunged in 2001 as companies cut back on travel in response to the nation's persisting economic malaise.

Airlines also blamed the high costs of labor and fuel.

Executives believed luring leisure travelers over the summer with inexpensive fares could offset the decline in business travel. But filling up planes by selling cheaper tickets only led to further revenue declines as the average fare earned per mile shrank by more than 10 percent.

Last week's terror attacks dashed hope for a comeback anytime soon and executives, including Delta Air Lines chair Leo Mullin, have warned that bankruptcies are imminent for some carriers without emergency financing from the government.

"The financial damage is and continues to be devastating," Mullin told a congressional hearing on Wednesday, citing last week's shutdown and prospects of sharply reduced business.

The two-day shutdown alone cost carriers between $250 million and $275 million per day, according to Credit Suisse First Boston analyst Jim Higgins.

Lawmakers, citing the aviation industry's importance to the nation's economy, appeared ready to move as early as this week on relief legislation, although several said any package should include help for the laid-off workers.

Airline stocks have plummeted since markets reopened on Monday, carrying down with them the shares of aircraft manufacturers, online travel agencies and ticket distribution firms.

More trouble

Air Canada, the sixth largest airline in North America, also cut its flight schedule by 20 percent as it sought $2.6 billion in Canadian government aid due to the crisis.

Tourism in Mexico has also been hard hit by the decline in air travel, and the country's top two airlines warned they might also have to lay off workers.

With the aviation industry in a tailspin, many airlines in the so-called emerging markets are finding it hard to woo the leaner and meaner Western partners they need to survive.

Analysts said many carriers could go to the wall or be forced—like their US and European counterparts—to merge or seek government aid to stay aloft.

Last month, Brazil's "Big 4"—Varig, TAM, Vasp and Transbrasil—reported bad first six-month results that they all sent out pleas for some sort of state help ranging from debt restructuring to tax breaks.

Brazil's government suggested they should look for foreign partners and hinted it would likely relax the current 20-percent cap on foreign stakes in Brazilian carriers.

"It's going to be very, very difficult to find an industry strategic investor and very difficult to raise money to finance privatizations or a purchase of any major stake," said Ed Smick, vice president at Simat, Helliesen & Eichner, a New York-based air transport consultancy.

Smick pointed out that European carriers were also lobbying for emergency aid from their governments, suggesting some deals already in the making could fall through or need renegotiating.

These deals include Air France's recent move to save ailing African carrier Air Afrique. Smick said Turkish Airlines and Air India, currently up for grabs, would find few takers.

Shuddering

Asia-Pacific carriers are also shuddering from fresh turbulence after the terrorist attacks in the United States further clouded the regional travel industry's prospects amid an economic slowdown.

With tourists and businessmen scrapping travel plans to and from North America, analysts expected Asian airlines to defer or cancel plane orders.

Airlines in Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Southeast Asia with a high exposure to trans-Pacific routes are bearing the brunt of the aftershocks in Asia from the US crisis. Revenue forecasts are being downgraded and share prices are being hammered as a result.

In Tokyo, a spokesperson for Japan Airlines Co. Ltd. (JAL) said Asia's biggest carrier was expecting to incur $22 million in losses.

All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd. (ANA) said the cancellation of US-bound flights resulted in losses of up to $6.8 million. *Reports by AP, AFP and Reuters*

Pinoy toll: 7 dead . . .

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under 9 percent of the missing, according to the US figures.

Little hope

Last Tuesday, one week after the attacks, New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said at a press conference there was little hope of finding survivors in the rubble of the WTC.

Castro, briefing Filipino-American leaders on counter-terrorism measures Wednesday in this capital city, noted the projected total death toll from the terrorist attacks would exceed that of Pearl Harbor and D-Day.

Most of the firms at the WTC had Fil-Ams working in management or support capacities in the financial, information technology (IT) and legal professions.

According to the Fil-Am community in Metro Washington, there were no known Filipino fatalities in the attack on the Pentagon (the US Department of Defense).

Jon Melegrito, national director of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA), who revealed the FEMA statistics at a community meeting here Wednesday, said "the number of Filipino victims is horrible."

Over 30 federation leaders and members had gathered to discuss making donations, of blood and otherwise, to the victims and their families.

Hair-raising

"The number of presumed Filipinos dead is hair-raising," said Gloria M. Sundaresan, chair of the Department of Health and Human Services' Asian Pacific American Network.

"Seven dead and 428 missing. For as long as I live, I will never understand why this happened here, which is supposed to be the world's greatest nation," said journalist Maritess Cardenas Branigin.

Branigin told the INQUIRER about Day Olaes, the Filipino-American who survived the attack on the Pentagon by jumping out of a window, breaking her hip and badly singeing her hair.

"Yes, I know Day, she's a close friend of mine," said NaFFAA vice chair Gloria T. Caoile, who begged off from having to talk about it last night. "It was horrible, horrible."

Body parts flying

Branigin said Linda Smith, a Fil-American who worked at the Pentagon, witnessed from her office desk body parts flying and now has trouble sleeping.

The local Fil-Am community has raised about $3,000 in a two-day period beginning Sept. 18.

Melegrito said Teresita Calderon, cofounder of Feed the Hungry Inc. "started the ball rolling when her group donated a thousand dollars."

Several individuals then began pledging $100 by e-mail, Melegrito added.

The community has also joined the local Asian-American community in other efforts, such as donating and preparing food for rescuers toiling at the Pentagon and launching a campaign for blood donations.

The community also joined an Asian-American coalition against violence on South Asians, Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans. It will also hold memorial masses for the victims of the massacre.

Among those listed as missing in New York by the Philippine consulate were Grace Alegre Cua, Arnold Lim, Hector Tamayo, Carl Allen Peralta, Cynthia Betita Mutos Wilson, Ramon Grihalvo, Benilda Domingo, Jayceryll de Chavez;

Marlyn Bautista, Renato Bonifacio, Maritess Santillan, Judy Fernandez, Joanna Vidal, Frederick Kuo, Lyn Corea Gray, Bernando Gallardo, Cesar Alviar, Rufino C. Santos, David M. Sullins, Manuel Lopez and Larry Sumaya.

'Memory sites' planned for martial law victims

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Parong said a memory site could be anything evoking a recollection of the realities under martial law, and which would paint for the younger generations as extensive a picture of the struggle that was waged far away from Edsa.

She said it could be a monument or marker in a place where people suffered and struggled from 1972 to 1986, or even a museum showcasing books, stories and artworks of political prisoners, documents such as arrest papers, as well as materials used in anti-Marcos rallies.

The memory sites will be built for the likes of Marela Yanay and the townsfolk of Barrio Sog-od in Las Navas, Northern Samar, who were massacred by members of the infamous Civilian Home Defense Force.

Yanay, then 8 years old, survived to tell the gruesome tale of how the militia force called all men, women and children out of their huts in the early morning of Sept. 18, 1981, to inquire after an insurgent named Commander Racel.

When nobody could come up with information, the residents of the quiet barrio were dragged batch by batch, the men first and then the women and children, and shot.

In 15 minutes, 45 people were killed. Only 13 residents survived.

This was what Yanay, who survived a bullet wound in the head, told a public hearing, and, later, the British Broadcasting Corp., which aired her recollection of what is now known as the Las Navas massacre.

Acts of resistance

Parong said the government should give "official recognition" to the fact that the struggle did not begin at Edsa in 1986 but earlier, with the small acts of resistance of unknown Filipinos.

"People always say it's Edsa I that brought down the Marcos regime, but there are many others who fought not at Edsa . . . but in the far-flung barrios of Visayas and Mindanao," she said, adding:

"The Marcos dictatorship was already being eroded as a credible government because of the struggles of these faceless, nameless people. They're the reason Edsa I was effective."

"There are so many stories," Parong said. "At least when you see a marker, you can say, 'So this is where they fought and died.' And people will know that it was not just at Edsa, that the Edsa revolt is just part of a complete truth," she said.

The TFDP has started to discuss the matter of erecting memory sites with local government officials in provinces like Nueva Vizcaya. But the year-long project has yet to take off.

Parong said the TFDP wanted to bring to public attention not only the Las Navas massacre but also the arrest and murder of five peasants in Pulilan, Bulacan, the election boycott and rally in Daet, Camarines Norte, in 1982, and the illegal arrest and subsequent torture of men and women suspected to be part of the anti-Marcos struggle.

She said the TFDP was negotiating with municipal and provincial officials to pass resolutions to build memory sites or make room for martial law books, photographs and audiovisuals in their museums to educate the residents, especially the youth.

"Some of the victims are still alive," she said. "But when they die, the injustice will be forgotten. And we have yet to learn lessons from it. Plunder was done during the dictatorship, and now it has been done again."

Parong said the Department of Tourism should also support the project that would introduce other nationals to the country's rich history and its people's heroism.

She said the TFDP was willing to share its voluminous collection of materials on martial law.

So far, the only memory sites on martial law are the Ninoy Aquino monument in Makati; the Chino Roces monument in Mendiola; the Monument for the Disappeared in Baclaran; the People Power monument near the Edsa Shrine; the Bantayog ng mga Bayani in Quezon City; a plaza marker for the Esacalante massacre in Negros Occidental; and the Alex Orcullo Park in Davao City.

The TFDP has also set up a small museum in its office in Teachers Village in Quezon City. It is open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays.

Continuing fight

For labor leader and Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran, the fight against political oppression and for truth, justice and genuine democracy continues 29 years after the declaration of martial law.

Beltran yesterday called for the strengthening of "the spirit that inspired and moved the Filipino people to fight the Marcos dictatorship."

But this time, he said, the struggle should be waged "to counteract the countless falsities permeating Philippine society regarding various economic and political issues."

"The country is way, way down the economic ladder and political salvation is still a dream that continues to elude the people," Beltran said.

"If during the reign of Marcos the people battled outright oppression by the military and the police, now . . . the people must fight the misleading propaganda of the status quo that conditions are better and that the Philippines is well on the path of economic recovery," he said.

He also said that while the country was no longer under martial rule, it was still gripped by poverty, want and the political oppression of those "who demand social justice and immediate reforms."

Likewise, he said, the human rights situation in the country remained deplorable and the justice system tainted.

"We hark back on the dark days of martial law to gather strength, inspiration and hope from the memory of those who struggled," Beltran said.

Activists led by the militant groups Karapatan, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace will troop to Mendiola today to mark the anniversary of the proclamation of martial law.

The assembly point is Morayta Avenue at 10 a.m. *With a report from Andrea Trinidad-Echavez*

Looking ahead: Gerry vs Cho

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

"WHAT do you think of a fight between Gerry Peñalosa and In Joo Cho?" asked popular lawyer-sportsman Rudy Salud to a group of trusted friends on the eve of his departure for Tokyo last Wednesday.

"Great," I said. "It would be the fight worth promoting here chiefly because Cho is best remembered by many Filipino boxing fans as the Korean fighter who beat the Filipino idol twice in 1998 and 2000. That bout would be a promoter's dream card."

Peñalosa is challenging World Boxing Council superflyweight champion Masamori Tokuyama of Japan in Tokyo on Monday, Sept. 24.

On Peñalosa's forthcoming shot at the WBC title, Salud said his ward is 100 percent ready. "*Handang-handa na*. Gerry sleeps well, eats well and rarin' to do battle. His newfound confidence is my gift to the country, to the Filipino people and boxing."

Described by Salud as "the best Filipino boxer pound-for-pound of this generation," Peñalosa holds an impressive 40-3-1 win-loss-draw record, 27 by knockouts. Aside from his twin defeats to Cho, Peñalosa, who turned 29 last Aug. 17, suffered his only third loss to countryman Samuel Duran, losing on points in a 12-round bout for the Philippine bantamweight title in Cebu City on Aug. 1, 1992. Two years earlier, Peñalosa fought Ric Siodora to a 10-round draw in Manila.

The 5-foot-4 Peñalosa was virtually unbeatable in the 1990s. A perfectly balanced boxer without flamboyance, Peñalosa finally earned international respect and appreciation on Feb. 20, 1997 when he wrested the WBC junior bantamweight crown from Japanese Hiroshi Kawashima, outslugging the defending champion in 12 sizzling rounds at Tokyo's Ryogoku Sumo Gym. Kawashima had beaten six challengers going into that fight.

"No wonder Gerry is famous among Japanese boxing fans and officials," Salud recalled.

"I'm amazed at his popularity in Japan. Many fans sought his autograph and he was well-received wherever he goes."

Ever since Salud took over as Gerry's manager in 1999, the boxer has improved tremendously; first by honing skills (at Pensacola, Florida, under famous American trainer Alton Meckerson, former US Olympic boxing coach and personal handler of light heavyweight champion Roy Jones), and, later on, in January 2000, improving his diet (under noted dietician and nutritionist Dr. Sanirose Orbeta, who recommended a carbohydrate-rich meals.)

Boxing runs in the Peñalosa family. Father Carl Peñalosa was a former Philippine champion, older brother Dodie Boy was the holder of two IBF (International Boxing Federation) titles (junior flyweight and flyweight), while another elder brother, Jonathan, took a shot at the WBA (World Boxing Association) flyweight crown in 1992, but lost by knockout. Another brother, Irving, is now one of his sparring mates. Gerry Peñalosa started as a bucket boy to his elder brothers before he started hitting the sandbags. He was only 17 when turned pro on May 20, 1989, knocking out Fidel Jubay in the fifth round.

At present, well-meaning manager Rudy Salud is leaving nothing to chance to make Peñalosa beat Tokuyama in their title bout on Monday. The 12-round championship fight in Tokyo will be supervised by neutral officials, including an American who will act as the referee.

"This is not only your fight or our fight," Salud told his Peñalosa. "This is, as it will always be, a fight for flag and country."

Pasay 4-stag derby tonight

PASAY City Cockpit's special 4- stag derby, offering a cash prize of P300,000 to the champions, will be staged at 7 tonight.

More than 60 exciting fights are lined up, said hosts Jobo del Rosario, Romy Arciaga and Ferdie Eusebio.

Competing for top honors are William Go, Jun Arcilla, lawyer Rudy Salud, Alan Tan, Dong Chung, Manny Balanquit, Gov. Ito Ynares, William Co, Lito Orillaza, Sonny Lagon, Mayor Jessie Viceo, Noli Rodriguez, Emil Chua, Blandy Tolentino, Fred Cruz, Councilor Rico Puno, Toto Lacson and Ferdie Ramos, among others.

Also slated at PCC is another 4-stag event on Sept. 28 to be hosted by Palawan sportsman Mauro Prieto.

Screening of stags for upcoming Pasay derbies is being held every Monday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and interested parties may contact 843-1890 and 843-1746.

Those who prefer farm-to-farm screening may contact Manuel Polo at 0919-4054859.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA By MR. 999

Race 1—1. Living Legend 2. Let Me Pass 3. Scholar Tem 4. Princess Malinda

Race 2—1. Hinobaan's Pride 2. Brilliant Leader/ Magic Fingers 3. Jackpot 4. CJ's Pride 5. Au Rapid

Race 3—1. Winning Rose 2. Howard Huge 3. Ahoy There 4. Brenda Star

Race 4—1. Field Master 2. El Condor 3. Venus 4. Lorna 5. Gimme A Ring

Race 5—1. Security Risk 2. West Pointer 3. Selectee 4. Andee's Ace 5. Rosa Valentina

Race 6—1. Naughty 2. Cubano 3. Suterian Era 4. Ikaw Pag Asa Ko

Race 7—1. Picardy 2. Royal Soldier 3. Roman Leader 4. Jerold's Dream 5. Air Love

Race 8—1. Al's Princess 2. Diamond Star 3. Shuttle's Magic 4. Storm Princess 5. Forest Dancer

Race 9—1. Uzisaki 2. Race for Gold 3. Precious Moment 4. Padron Real 5. Timeless Beauty 6. Noble Principality

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GOLF: SBC Senior Open Highlights at 8 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

Inside the PGA Tour at 11:30 a.m. (r – 6:30 p.m.) on Star Sports

This is the PGA Tour at 4 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

PGA Marconi Pennsylvania Classic First Round at 10 p.m. on Star Sports

PBA CUP

Pals eye share of lead

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
5:05 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Alaska
7:10 p.m.—Purefoods vs Ginebra

BY JUNE NAVARRO

ALAS

TALK N TEXT guns for a 3-0 card and share of the lead with Sta. Lucia Realty today in the PBA Governors Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Phone Pals, however, are expected to encounter rough sailing in their 5:05 p.m. duel with the Alaska Aces, a team hungry for victory after two unsuccessful starts.

Talk N Text coach Louie Alas, nevertheless, said they would stick to the same game plan the Phone Pals had employed against Shell and Purefoods.

The Phone Pals stunned the Turbo Chargers during their season-ending debut before sweeping the TJ Hotdogs off their feet, 99-91, last Sunday.

Another win will shove the Phone Pals off to their best start since 1999 and share leadership status alongside the unbeaten Realtors with three victories each.

In both cases, the Phone Pals' locals figured prominently, elevating their brand of play a notch higher to reinforce Brandon Williams, who fits into the system like a glove.

At any rate, the Sean Chambers-led Aces should put up a better stand against the Phone Pals in order to arrest a two-game skid.

"As I've said, the imports are almost equal. It's up to the locals to make the difference," said Alas.

But of course that couldn't be said of the TJ Hotdogs who are anticipated to play with a limp against Barangay Ginebra in the nightcap.

For the fourth consecutive time, skyscrapers Edward Joseph Feihl and Andy Seigle are expected to warm the Hotdogs' bench due to injuries.

At that, the Hotdogs are struggling at the lower flight of the standings with a 1-2 record.

On a similar situation, the Kings are also hounded by inconsistencies, winning over Tanduay before yielding by a mile to sister team San Miguel Beer recently.

ACTIVE CHESS

Dasmariñas Leg Winners

Kiddies

Champion	Mark Daniel M. Cerbito (Dasmariñas National High School - Cavite)
1st Runner-up	Karl Victor Ochoa (St. John The Baptist School - Bulacan)
2nd Runner-up	Nelson I. Mariano III (University of the East, Manila)

Juniors

Champion	Marohom De Leon (Philippine Christian University - Cavite)
1st Runner-up	Nazario E. Ubanan (Colegio de san Juan de Letran, Manila)
2nd Runner-up	Ivan Gil C. Biag (Philippine Christian University - Cavite)

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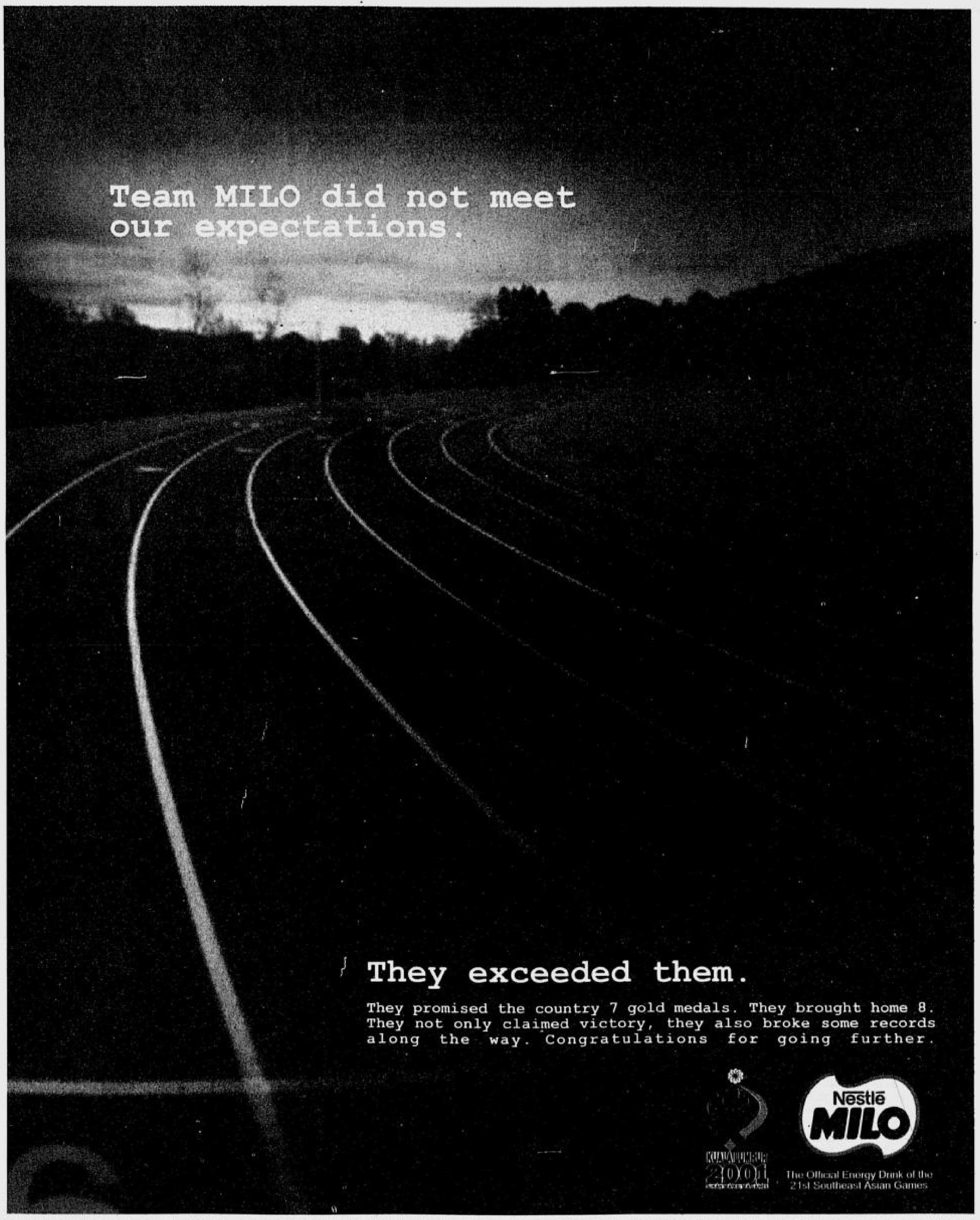

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Eduardo Buenavista	5000 MR	14:15.13 * PB	Mario Castro
Ernie Candelario	400 Meters	46.69 * PB	Isidro del Prado
Fidel Gallenero	Decathlon	6,958 pts	Dario de Rosas
John Lozada	800 Meters	1:49.39 *PB	Romeo Gido
Elma Posadas	Heptathlon		Jojo Posadas
Roy Vence	Marathon	2:23.51	Mario Castro
Christabel Martes	Marathon	2:52.43	Mario Castro
SILVER			
Lerma Bulauitan	Long Jump	6.43 * PB	Alexander Ligtas
Daud Mama	3000 MSC	9:09.51 * PB	Mario Castro
Narcisa Atienza	High Jump	1.74m ** RP Rec & PB	Dario de Rosas
Joebert Delicano	Long Jump	7.55m	Dario de Rosas
Geralyn Amandoron	Javelin Throw	49.65m	Dario de Rosas
Sean Guevara	High Jump	2.13m * PB	Joseph Sy
Dandy Gallenero	Javelin Throw	68.23m	Dario de Rosas
John Lozada	1500M	3:51.44	Romeo Gido
Percela Molina	Heptathlon		Jojo Posadas
Allan Ballester	Marathon	2:24.58	Mario Castro
Aing, Candelario, Marfil, Tañuan	4 x 400 MR		Isidro del Prado
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Lerma Bulauitan	100 MD	11.74	Alexander Ligtas
Arniel Ferrera	Hammer	61.07m	Fr. Colm O'Halpin
Joebert Delicano	Triple Jump	15.10m	Dario de Rosas
Robert Fresnido	Decathlon		Dario de Rosas

* PB – Personal Best

Benilde forces rubber match

Mapua Tech halts San Sebastian

By June Navarro

COLLEGE of St. Benilde subdued top semifinalist Jose Rizal University, 98-84, last night to force a knockout tiff in the Final Four of NCAA men's basketball at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Prolific Sunday Salvacion pumped in 39 points, highlighted by six triples, as the Blazers fortified their title-retention bid and reduced their battle against the Bombers to a do-or-die affair.

The Blazers will have to duplicate over the Bombers tomorrow in order to accomplish a second straight Finals' appearance.

With the momentum now tilted on the Blazers' side, the Bombers are staring at another Final Four exit despite finishing at the top in the elimination round.

Last year, the Bombers led the league in the elims only to bow out in the semifinals in two games against San Sebastian College.

Mapua Tech also forced a deciding game after a hard-earned 65-58 victory over San Sebastian College earlier.

The Cardinals, behind rookie-playmaker Jeffrey Martin, Steve Marucot and Roberto Lagar, sizzled in the final period as they negated the Stags' twice-to-beat advantage to force a rubber match on Saturday.

Lagar's back-to-back triples hinted of a championship scenario as the Cardinals entered the comfort zone, 57-49, midway in the final period.

Not in the mood to collapse, the Stags recovered their bearings and reduced the deficit, 59-58, courtesy of Michael Gonzales' pair of free throws in the last 21 seconds.

On instinct, the Stags went on a fouling binge that sent the uncanny Lagar to the stripe for two freethrows.

Lagar muffed his second charity but Marucot's putback sealed the victory for the Cardinals with only 17 ticks remaining.

Martin, who totally outplayed an out-of-sync Christian Coronel, capped the Cardinals' upset with a buzzer-beater no-look heave just a few feet from midcourt.

Scores:

First game:

MAPUA 65—Marucot 18, Martin 15, Lagar 12, Sta. Maria 10, Guevarra 4, Tiongco 3, Feliciano 2, Silva 1, Roxas 0, Maneclang 0, Dula 0, Bangoy 0.

SSC 58—Macapagal 14, Alfad 10, Moore 10, Gonzales 7, Najorda 6, Reguerra 6, Coronel 3, Falcasantos 2, Uy 0, Mercado 0, Legarde 0.

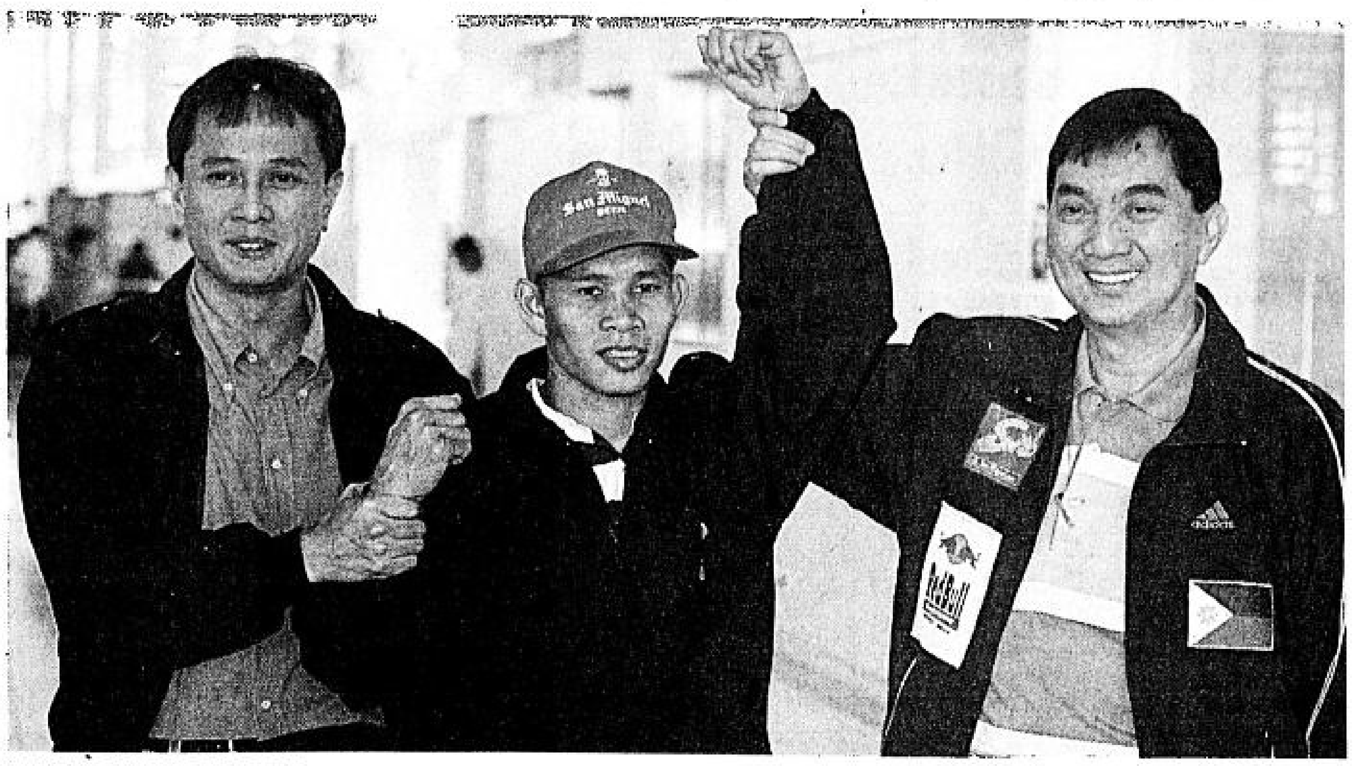
Quarters: 21-13, 32-36, 43-45, 65-58

Second game:

CSB 98—Salvacion 39, Salvador 22, Mendoza 12, Menor 8, Castro 4, Capati 3, Diloy 3, Tolentino 2, Magsumbol 2, C. Reyes 2, Coching 1, Magpayo 0, U. Reyes 0.

JRU 84—Epondulan 22, Capus 17, Villarin 10, Gregorio 6, Finuliar 6, Te 6, Lazaro 6, Santos 5, Valena 2, Jorge 2, Fajardo 2, Dela Rea 0, Tan 0, Espiritu 0, Tiu 0.

Quarters: 26-17, 45-38, 66-59, 98-84.



WBC CHALLENGER

Lawyer Rudy Salud (right) raises the arm of his ward Gerry Penalosa before they left for Tokyo, Japan yesterday. Also shown is Chito Salud. Penalosa will challenge Japan's WBC superflyweight champion Masamori Tokuyama in Tokyo on Sept. 24.

ROGER MARGALLO

PSC giving more budget to sports with big chances

By Marc Anthony Reyes

IT'S bad enough that they performed poorly in the recent Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games, but these national sports associations are now facing something much worse – big budget cut from the Philippine Sports Commission.

PSC chair Butch Tuason yesterday said they will carry out stricter measures particularly in the coming Asian Games in Pusan, South Korea where they will heavily focus their funding on the sports events where the country has big chances of winning.

The basis for such priority funding will be their showing in the Malaysia SEA Games, according to Tuason.

However, Tuason pointed out that it is not a punishment for faring badly in Malaysia, because the sports agency will still support these NSAs although priority will be on high-performing sports like athletics, bowling, wushu and taekwondo.

"We want to set up a priority system similar to Vietnam," said Tuason. "Although Vietnam is too strict because they only supported eight sports. We can't do that here."

Instead, Tuason said the PSC will assess the performance of all NSAs during the SEA Games and from there determine which association will get big funds for the Asian Games next year.

TUASON

"We will talk to each NSA head and we would be very frank to them in order to identify the sports where we have chances," said Tuason.

Among the NSAs expected to rationalize their SEAG debacle are swimming, badminton, boxing, cycling, gymnastics, pencak silat, squash, table tennis and weightlifting, which all failed to win gold. Shooting could only get one of the 46 gold medals at stake.

"It's a re-aligning of fund for sports where we have a big chance of winning gold medals," said Tuason. "But we will still support other NSAs because we are also preparing for the Vietnam SEA Games in 2003."

He added that the congress itself recommended such "priority" scheme considering that the country needs to improve its gold medal production in the next international events.

The Philippines fell short of the projected 40-gold medal outcome in the SEAG, winning only 30 gold, 66 silver and 67 bronze medals.

AFP athletes praised

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines recently lauded its roster of military athletes who brought the country honors in the recently concluded 21st Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Out of the 30-gold medal harvest of the Philippines, seven were won by soldiers, all in athletics.

Eduardo Buenavista of the Philippine Air Force garnered two golds for the 3,000m steeplechase and the 400m run, while Elma Muros-Posadas, petty officer third class of the Philippine Navy, won the heptathlon.

The other medalists who will be given honors by their respective military service command are Seaman First Class Fidel Gallenero of the PN (decathlon), airman Ernie Candelario of the PAF (400m), seaman second class John Lozada (800m) and seaman first class Roy Vence (men's marathon).

"We in the AFP are proud of their performance. They not only made the military proud but the entire country as well," Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Diomedio Villanueva said.

ATHLETES' BONUS

ROGER MARGALLO

Sports Commission chair Butch Tuason receives a check worth P4.5 million from First Gentleman Mike Arroyo shortly after the Philippine delegation's arrival from the recent Kuala Lumpur SEA Games. The bounty would be used to cover extra allowances and incentives to all medalists in the just-concluded sportsfest. Also shown are commissioners Richie Garcia, Cynthia Carrion, chef de mision Freddie Jalasco and members of the RP basketball team.

Swedes spring D. Cup surprise

SYDNEY—Sweden made an unexpected late change to their Davis Cup lineup to play Australia in the world group semifinals by naming doubles specialist Jonas Bjorkman as one of their two singles players on Thursday.

Bjorkman was chosen as Sweden's second singles player despite the availability of former Australian Open finalist Thomas Enqvist, who is ranked 24 places higher.

Sweden's non-playing captain Carl-Axel Hageskog said Bjorkman won the spot because of his outstanding record in Davis Cup and his familiarity with the Australian players.

Bjorkman, who was also named in the doubles, could not have a tougher draw after his surprise inclusion in the singles. He will take on U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt in Friday's second singles.

He will then team up with Magnus Larsson against Wayne Arthurs and Todd Woodbridge in Saturday's doubles before facing Wimbledon finalist Pat Rafter in Sunday's reverse singles.

There were no surprises with the other selections, with Swedish number one Thomas Johansson chosen to play Rafter in Friday's opening match before taking on Hewitt in Sunday's reverse singles. *Reuters*

Bacolod hosts 10K final leg Oct. 21

AFTER successful stops in Baguio and Cebu, the Adidas-Pharmaton 10k Run goes to festive Bacolod City on Oct. 21, when the final leg of the circuit blasts off at the Bacolod Plaza.

Race director Raffy Uytiepo said the run will again highlight the Masskara Festival.

Bacolod Mayor Joy Valdez will fire off the participants who include the country's oldest runners Felipe Villanueva and Raymond San Juan, both 87, and one-legged biathlete Rudy Fernandez of Iloilo City.

Representative Monico Puentevella has also been invited to award the winners. Also confirming their participation are Runnex Inc. of Quezon City, Iloilo Oval Runners, Cebu Executive Runners Club and host Laoste of Bacolod City.

Attractive cash prizes, Italian trophies and medals, Rudy Project sunglasses and gift packs will be up for grabs in the race also co-sponsored by Gatorade Thirst Quencher, Nature's Spring, Hotel Alhambra, Rudy Project, Osaka Iridology, The Athlete's Foot, Jaime (A Rhythms 1023 and Uytiepo Lines while being backed by the Masskara Foundation, Negros Sports Foundation, the City of Bacolod and the Province of Negros Occidental.

Registration is now ongoing at the Athlete's Foot at Robinson's Place, Mandalagan, Adidas Shop at Dela Rama Center, Luzuriaga St., and Panaad Sports Complex in Mansilingan c/o Efren Timtiman.

Teams, players put up relief fund for victims

NEW YORK—Major league baseball and its players association contributed $5 million each on Wednesday to establish a relief fund to aid victims of last week's terrorism.

The MLB-MLBPA Disaster Relief Fund will distribute money after consulting with governmental and charitable relief organizations.

Many baseball teams and players are making separate contributions, along with the NFL, NBA and NHL.

"All of major league baseball is deeply saddened by the loss of life and the terrible damage wrought by the terrorist attacks that struck our nation," commissioner Bud Selig said.

Don Fehr, executive director of the union, said: "The events of Sept. 11 left all of us horrified, and none of us untouched. Baseball and America have always gone together, and now, as the country moves forward to relieve the suffering and heal the wounds, everyone in the baseball community wants to go along."

The New York Mets said manager Bobby Valentine, his coaching staff and the 34 players on the team's active roster would contribute their salaries from Friday's game against the Atlanta Braves to the New York Police & Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund. The donation will be about $ 450,000.

The NBA is contributing more than $ 1 million, along with supplies and office space. The NFL is about to make a "major financial contribution," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. *AP*

TENNIS CLINIC

United States-trained head coach Jimmy Cura (right) teaches the forehand stroke to a female participant in the ongoing Pharmaton-backed tennis clinic for executives at the Pasig Sports Complex (Sept. 3-30) and Manila Polo Club (Oct. 1-30). Held for two hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the clinic is one of the numerous sports events regularly sponsored by Pharmaton capsules.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AL: Toronto 4, Baltimore 1; Tampa Bay 12, Boston 2; Cleveland 11, Kansas City 3; Detroit 6, Minnesota 2; Texas 10, Oakland 4; N.Y. Yankees 6, Chicago White Sox 3; Seattle 5, Anaheim 0.

NL: N.Y. Mets 9, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 2; Montreal 5, Florida 2; Colorado 8, Arizona 2; Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 0; Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2; San Diego 4, Los Angeles 3, 10 innings; Houston 10, San Francisco 3. *AP*

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NCA Stagwars series set

THE RACE heats up in Stagwars 2001 on Sept. 24-26 at the Araneta Coliseum. Hosts Gov. Ito Ynares, Jun Cometa, Boy Jiao, Jun Mendoza and Georgie Antonio of the Firefly Group have lined up no less than 50 blockbuster fights in this second leg of a five-leg NCA 7-Stag Derby series where cash prizes will go to the Stagfighter of the Year and the runners-up.

SPORTS

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Tighter Olympic security

SALT LAKE CITY—With increased security plans already in place for the Winter Games, Olympic officials wanted assurances that foreign athletes won't have a difficult time clearing US immigration checkpoints in February. The International Olympic Committee's executive board was concerned that athletes might find entry procedures less accommodating in the wake of last week's terror attacks. *AP*

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Eagles enter finals; La Salle faces NU

By DENNIS EROA

STEEL-NERVED Magnum Membrere made the big shots down the stretch as title-hungry Ateneo whipped Far Eastern University, 67-63, last night and made it to the finals after 13 long years in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

Now in his second year with the Blue Eagles, Membrere hit two triples, the last one giving the Blue Eagles a 66-63 cushion with 1:25 remaining.

Membrere was still a child when Jun Reyes, Danny Francisco, Olsen Racela, Gene Afable and Alex Araneta powered Ateneo past La Salle in the 1988 finals at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The loss was another heartbreaker for the Tamaraws, who lost to the La Salle Green Archers in last year's finals.

With main man Leo Avenido playing with heavy legs and minus his usual spunk, the Tamaraws were doomed.

The 6-foot-3 Avenido committed his fourth foul in the third period and was hardly a factor in the fourth as he missed two crucial free throws and a three-pointer which gave Ateneo the breather in the dying minutes.

In the first game, National University fulfilled its Final Four dream with a 108-102 victory over University of the East.

The Bulldogs endured two overtime periods before subduing the Red Warriors.

To make it to the finals, the Bulldogs need to overhaul the twice-to-beat advantage of four-ward seeking and elimination topnotcher La Salle on Sunday. Both teams split their elims matches, but La Salle has proven it is a cut above the rest with a 12-2 record, including two masterful wins over Ateneo.

University of the East should felt blessed to force two extra periods. Regulation ended at 81-81. Adrian Ronquillo buried a crunching triple which extended the game for another five minutes, 94-94.

The Bulldogs went to the free throw line a record 66 times, while the Red Warriors were tagged with a season-high 45 fouls. NU converted 45 free throws, also a record.

Scores:

NU 108—Grijaldo 28, Napa 18. Bagulon 15, De Castro 11, Neo 7, Tolentino 6, Cajayon 6, Urbano 5, Manabat 4, Cayabyab 4, Mendoza 4.

UE 102—Artadi 22, Booker 19, Yap 15, Alminario 11, Estrada 11, Tubid 9, Ronquillo 5, Hubalde 4, Omiping 3, Masbang 3, Butel 0, Tan 0.

Quarters: 11-15, 33-37, 59-57, 81-81, 94-94, 108-102

ATENEO 67—Tenorio 18, Membrere 14, Villanueva 11, Sison 10, Bugia 8, Alvarez 4, Tan Chi 3, Fonacier 1, Cruz 0.

FEU 63—Castro 16, Isip 12, De la Rosa 11, Avenido 7, Roldan 6, Zablan 4, Garcia 3, Chavez 2, Jones 2, Miranda 0, Tolentino 0.

Quarters: 19-19, 33-42, 47-55, 67-63

Nueva Ecija, Negros dispute solo top spot

GAMES TODAY (Tinga Gym)
3:00 p.m.—Nueva Ecija vs Negros
5:30 p.m.—Andok's San Juan vs Socsargen

By ROY LUARCA

THE NEGROS Slashers have little trouble beating the Nueva Ecija Patriots before. Will they be able to continue their dominance in the MBA Second Phase?

The answer will be known when Nueva Ecija and Negros dispute the solo lead at the Tinga Gym in Taguig today.

Though the Patriots have won their first two games, the Slashers (1-0) would surge ahead if they prevail in the 3 p.m. encounter.

The Slashers of Coach Robert Sison dumped the Patriots twice in the First Phase with the same lineup led by Nationals John Ferriols, Ruben dela Rosa and Jomar Tierra, Cid White, Reynel Hugnatan, Johnedel Cardel and Dennis Madrid.

Nueva Ecija, now being mentored by Arlene Rodriguez, beat Socsargen and Cebuana Lhuillier in its first two outings, but must perform better for it to exact revenge on Negros.

Reigning national titlist Andok's San Juan tries to bounce back when it tangles with cellar-dweller Socsargen at 5:30 p.m.

San Juan, also the First Phase champion, was beaten by Negros, 111-103, Wednesday night in the resumption of the conference at the San Juan Gym.

The Knights, however, remain the solid favorite against the Marlins who are now being handled by Francis Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, former head coach of the Davao Eagles, took over from Boyzie Zamar, who resigned due to 'conflicting commitments.'

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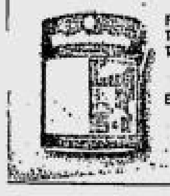

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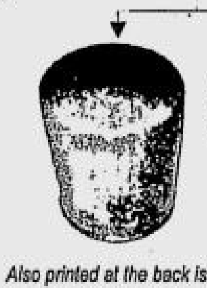

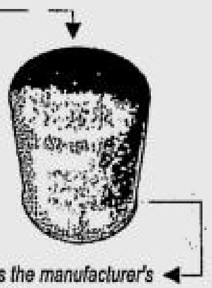

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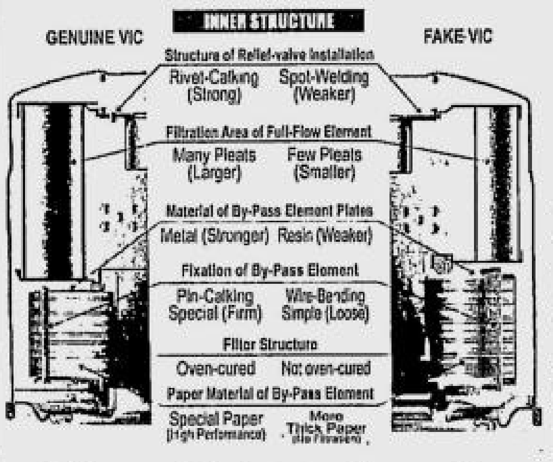
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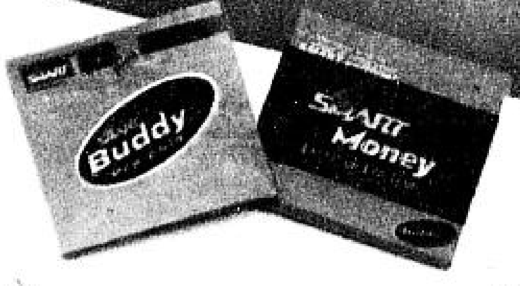

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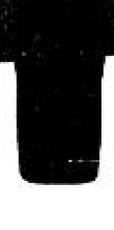

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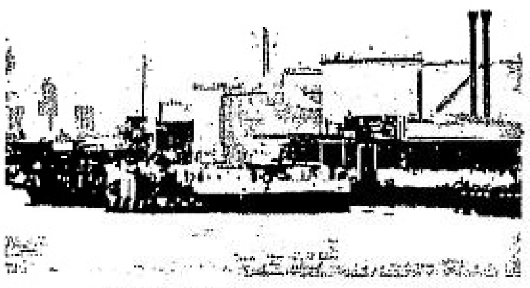
Fire breaks out beside oil depot

BY JEROME ANING

AS the debate for the proposed phase-out of the Pandacan oil depot in Manila rages, a 30-minute fire yesterday morning razed a row of apartments close to the complex.



PANDACAN oil depot. FILE PHOTO

The blaze, which reached third fire alarm, began in the house of Reynaldo Mauricio on Beata Street corner Sto. Niño Street, about 20 meters from the eastern portion of the oil facility. Petron Corp. operates that part of the depot.

Supt. Pablito Cordeta, city fire department chief, said the blaze began at 1:45 a.m. in the maid's quarters on the ground floor of Mauricio's two-story house.

Arson investigators reported to the fire marshal that the blaze was accidental and could have been caused by electric circuit overload. Flames licked the ceiling of the room before spreading to the three adjoining apartments, which were made of wood.

About 20 fire trucks from government and volunteer fire brigades in Manila and neighboring cities responded to the alarm.

The fire, which was put out at 11:15 a.m., caused at least P1 million in damages, arson investigators said.

City Hall, the three big oil firms and the Department of Energy are holding negotiations for the relocation of the oil depot. The DOE wants to undertake first a comprehensive study that will tackle all the aspects of the relocation, but city councilors insist the depot should be shut down in two months and completely closed in two years.

As early as last year, the depot was described as a fire hazard and security risk by the United Fire Fighters of the Philippines Inc., an association of firemen in the country.

Recently, Mayor Lito Atienza and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo acknowledged that the terminal is vulnerable to a terrorist attack.

The City Council is seeking to convert the site into an industrial or commercial zone. Housing and urban development committee chair councilor Joy Dawis-Asuncion yesterday asked oil firm officials to submit "risk management" plans in the next hearing.

The plans are supposed to detail, among others, preparations and contingency measures to be implemented by the oil companies to make sure that their respective portions of the oil complex are secure from accident and sabotage.

Representatives of the oil firms said the transfer of the depot would mean billions of pesos in additional and substantial investments.

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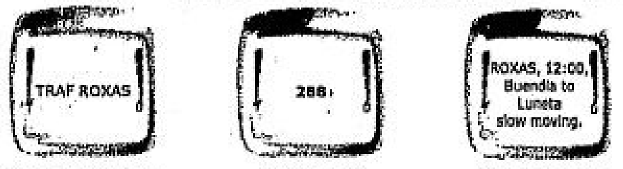
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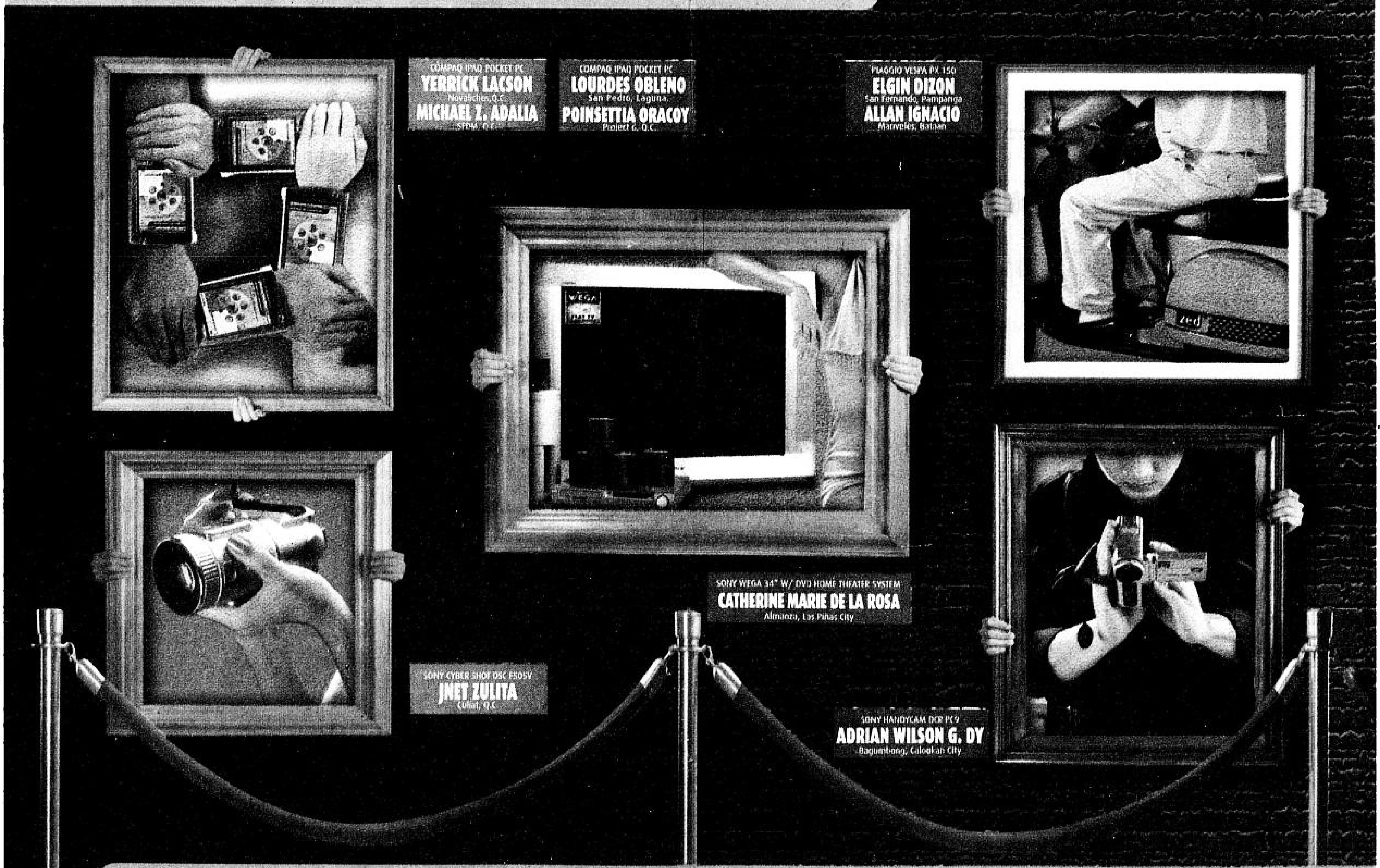
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Mike Arroyo: Great marketing man, failed physician

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

TO START with, there was no assigned role for our First Gentleman in the 21st Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Mike Arroyo would have been happy enough marching with the Philippine contingent on opening day. He would have been glad enough watching the games.

But he got more than what he had come for. He was put in the spotlight of most Philippine gold-medal wins.

Now, you obviously have not heard of this, but one government media executive confided to this reporter at the lobby of the Mandarin hotel in downtown Kuala Lumpur that Malaysian security officials were trying to discourage Mr. Arroyo from joining Filipino athletes and officials in the tedious opening day field march.

The executive said security people feared Mr. Arroyo could be an open target for terrorists. He mentioned something about the mujahedin. This was three days before the Sept. 11 terror attacks shook the United States and the whole world.

Now, how could we not say that we have a gallant First Gentleman who risked his life to help boost the morale of the RP contingent?

Truth is, we may never be able to fully measure what RP sports owes Mr. Arroyo.

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Yes, Philippine sports officials, led by Mr. Arroyo's beloved first cousin, Philippine Sports Commission chair Carlos Tuason, could not have picked a better marketing man.

With his penchant for giving out rewards and incentives, the First Gentleman has made Philippine failure to improve on its awful fifth place stand in the SEA Games appear like a screaming success.

The Philippines missed the 40-gold medal target. It lost to Vietnam in a desperate race to grab fourth overall in the medal race.

But Mr. Arroyo, in another fit of blind generosity, welcomed the bulk of the delegation on Tuesday and wrote off a check for P4.5 million. All in all, the incentives are expected to total P7.9 million, and this did not include a sum with which President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was reportedly planning to reward the national athletes.

I would risk sounding like a kill-joy. But the First Couple must be reminded that they have been sending the wrong signal.

I won't go as harsh as saying Gloria and Mike Arroyo have been encouraging mediocrity, although this has been the prevailing theme in the mini theses of several knowledgeable and more objective sports experts and chroniclers here.

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Well, it could be a slip of the tongue. But Mr. Arroyo, early on in KL, was overheard as saying the Philippines was out to "win 40 medals in the SEA Games, and hopefully all of them would be gold."

For the record, RP pocketed a total of 163 medals, but only 30—10 short of the target—were gold.

The total medal volume was indeed overwhelming. It could get any generous, kind-hearted rich man like Mike Arroyo very excited.

The sad truth is that Mr. Arroyo's fabled excitement and generosity had led the general public to believe that the Philippines has scored a resounding success in the KL Games.

"*Bumalik ka na pala,*" a young matron in the neighborhood greeted me yesterday. "*Ang dami-dami nating nakuha, 'no?*"

I did not tell her to shut up. But I advised her not to be over-excited. She's not rich and generous like the President's kind-hearted husband.

My friend Pete A. visited me the other day with two bottles of red wine, Torres Grand Corona and Vina Brava, both great buys.

For the Philippine delegation, he barked, and raised his glass in a victory toast.

I took a swig, but found it my duty to next tell him the truth.

I had to explain that the SEA Games was neither the Asiad nor the Olympics, and that only the gold medals, not the bronze or silver, should truly matter here.

They are medals just the same, my friend countered.

I insisted that, in the SEA Games, an athlete could bag a bronze by just being present. In fact, boxer Ramil Zambales managed to win an automatic silver medal in the featherweight class after he first drew a bye and next scored on a walk-over.

Pete relented and rested his case. We dropped the subject, enjoyed the welcome wine and a little music.

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Looking back, it's hard to imagine how Mr. Arroyo's cousin, the very creative PSC head, had deftly pushed the First Gentleman in the middle of many gold medal ceremonies featuring Filipino winners.

Who knows, that great feat by Butch Tuason could have led his cousin to give him the gold after Mr. Arroyo announced there would be no revamp of the PSC, despite the failure to achieve the original goal.

This is not to say that Butch Tuason also managed to market himself to the First Gentleman during the KL Games.

But here's what became clear. The SEA Games campaign ended up as another tired diagnosis of Philippine sports. The old afflictions, mainly in boxing, were predictably rediscovered.

With his power and influence, Mike Arroyo could have helped with several sane cures. But our marketing man, who has helped delude the public with his checks, failed miserably in his role as doctor of the failed Philippine participation.

He could be trying a new remedy for our age-old sporting ills. Or did he just allow himself to become easily excited?

'Hulidap' cops preying on Muslims

BY CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA

A GROUP of policemen is allegedly exploiting the raging issue of terrorism to victimize Muslim businessmen in Metro Manila, according to Prof. Taha Basman, secretary general of the Philippine Islamic Council.

Basman yesterday said these policemen have been indiscriminately arresting Muslims purportedly as part of the government's crackdown on suspected terrorists.

Muslims are allegedly apprehended on trumped-up charges of drug trafficking, then asked for millions of pesos for their release, Basman said.

"This is a case of 'hulidap,'" he said.

Basman's revelation came after members of the Northern Police District arrested on Monday night businessman Omra Macmac, 33, for alleged drug trafficking.

Authorities brought Macmac from his residence in Pasig to the NPD headquarters in Caloocan for questioning.

But hours after Macmac's arrest, about 100 Muslims, who were allegedly armed, stormed the headquarters to clear Macmac's name and demand for his immediate release.

Basman said the Muslims, mostly members of the Virra Mall Muslim Traders Association to which Macmac belongs, were concerned that police would slap false charges against Macmac and extort money from him.

Macmac owns a jewelry store in Virra Mall in Greenhills, Basman said.

But Macmac was eventually released after two mayors in Lanao province personally came to the police headquarters to vouch for him.

Basman said Macmac's sister is the husband of Mayor Serad Batua of Lanao.

NPD chief Supt. Vidal Querol yesterday said he would look into Basman's allegations.

Basman said Muslim communities in Metro Manila are now in a "state of panic" following the spate of indiscriminate arrests by policemen.

Macmac was arrested allegedly without a warrant a week after policemen supposedly took into custody a Muslim millionaire in Quiapo, Manila.

Basman said police arrested the businessman for alleged drug trafficking, but released him after he paid the policemen P500,000 and gave them a Toyota Tamaraw FX van and a Revo van.

The policemen even asked the businessman to pay P2 million more, Basman said.

"Muslims are now the victims of these scalawags," Basman said. "The victims used to be the Chinese businessmen."

He said this was the reason why other Muslim businessmen went to the NPD headquarters yesterday to demand for Macmac's release, fearing that the jeweler would be the next "hulidap" victim.

Basman's group and other members of the Peacemakers' Circle Foundation Inc. also appealed to authorities as well as the public not to typecast Muslims as suspected terrorists or criminals.

"Don't pick on us," Basman said. "We're not your enemy so don't accuse us of false charges."

The foundation is an umbrella organization of various inter-faith groups nationwide.

'Antipolo blast suspects traders, not terrorists'

BY AGNES DONATO

THE BROTHER of a man who was arrested along with two Indians in connection with last Monday's bombing at the Rempson Supermarket in Antipolo yesterday said his sibling and the two foreigners were businessmen and not terrorists.

Diego Espejon, 35, of Bicutan, Taguig, said his brother Edward, 27, was only invited by Pankaj Komar and Penkej Jain to attend a party in Antipolo City.

Espejon said his family was surprised when they read newspaper reports that Komar and Jain had been arrested and were being investigated for alleged terrorism.

"I've known Komar for two years now," Espejon said. "He is involved in the money-lending business, like most Indians in the country."

Espejon went to the Rizal provincial police headquarters in Taytay, Rizal to check on his brother's condition.

He said Jain, whom he claimed was Komar's cousin, arrived in the country six months ago and has been helping Komar in his business.

He said the two Indians and his brother went to Antipolo City on Sunday to attend a gathering of Indians.

The two Indians and the younger Espejon were arrested on Monday in connection with a blast at the Rempson Supermarket. Two firemen were injured in the explosion.

Komar and Jain were charged with forgery after police found two plates for the manufacture of fake P100, P500 and P1,000 bills in their rented room at the Gem's Hotel and Resort.

Rizal police turned over to the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation the Indians to check if they were registered with the agency.

Supt. Ricardo Ver, Rizal provincial deputy director, said Komar and Jain failed to show authorities their passports or any documents that would show their stay in the country was legal.

Makati launches int'l filmfest

MAKATI City is hosting the 2001 Cinemanila International Film Festival, which will be launched by Mayor Jejomar Binay at noon today at the new Makati City Hall.

Now on its third year, the Cinemanila International Film Festival will be held Dec. 7-16 at the Glorietta and Greenbelt Cinemas.

A joint project of the Independent Cinema Association of the Philippines, Movpix International Inc. and the City of Makati, it will showcase 75 acclaimed films, including shorts and documentaries, from all over the world. It will have several sections: World Cinema, Asian Cinema, Philippine Cinema, and Young Cinema (Digital Program).

Awards at stake are the Lino Brocka Award (grand prize), grand jury prize, best actor, best actress, NETPAC/FIPRESSCI award (critics prize), best short, best documentary, and the Ismael Bernal Award for the best Filipino short film.

The Cinemanila International Film Festival is a brainchild of filmmaker Amable "Tikoy" Aguiluz VI and was first held in July 1999.

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As Jesus moved on from there, he saw a man named Matthew at his seat in the custom-house, and he said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew got up and followed him. Now it happened, while Jesus was at table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and other sinners joined Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this they said to his disciples, "Why is it that your master eats with those sinners and tax collectors?"

When Jesus heard this he said, "Healthy people do not need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and find out what this means: *What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.* I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Commentary

Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him. Matthew celebrates his call and throws a blow out for Jesus. His guests naturally are his colleagues, fellow tax collectors. Now when the Pharisees see Jesus associating with them, they protest. The Pharisees were strict observers of the Jewish rules and would not associate with sinners for fear of contamination. They never eat with them. Jesus does the exact opposite, because they are the ones, the only ones, who need God's mercy. Mercy in the Bible is almost synonymous to life. Only sinners need salvation. Only they can be truly merciful, because they also need mercy. All of us need God's mercy, but God is merciful only to the merciful. Seek mercy then and be merciful.

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DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

Crame cop, 2 others accused of beating up 3 men in jeep

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

A ROOKIE policeman assigned to the Traffic Management Group in Camp Crame is in hot water after he, his brother, and their friend beat up three men in a jeep in Quezon City yesterday before dawn.

PO1 Jeovani Abellon also accidentally shot one of the victims during the scuffle.

Abellon, 31, his brother Pedro, 30, and their friend Stanly Joy Panaguiton, all of Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City, are facing charges of frustrated homicide and physical injuries, said PO1 William Aresta of the Kamuning police station.

Police said the trio allegedly beat up Kristoper A. Vicentuan, 19, Carlo A. Vicentuan, 18, and Nod Alfredo A. Payumo, 18, all of Barangay Kamuning, Quezon City.

Carlo was taken yesterday to the East Avenue Medical Center for a gunshot wound in the left hip.

The complainants told investigators they boarded a jeep bound for Project 2 and 3 about 12:45 a.m. yesterday after eating at the Jade Valley restaurant.

A few minutes later, the suspects, who were allegedly drunk, boarded the jeep, police said.

The complainants were allegedly talking among themselves when one of the suspects butted in. Soon, the Abellon brothers and their friend were ganging up on the victims, police said.

At the corner of Kamuning and Judge Jimenez streets, the two groups got off the jeepney and continued to brawl, Aresta said.

PO1 Abellon then pulled out his .38-caliber service firearm and pointed it at the complainants.

Payumo grabbed the policeman's arm and tried to get the gun. During the scuffle, the gun went off and hit Carlo, Aresta said.

Barangay security officials arrived in time to stop the brawl, Aresta added.

They arrested the Abellon brothers and Panaguiton while Carlo was taken to the hospital.

Aresta said the barangay watchmen recovered from the crime scene the .38-caliber revolver with five live rounds and a spent shell.

Corn vendor arrested for stealing donation boxes of Sta. Ana church

BY JEROME ANING

POLICE arrested a corn vendor for allegedly stealing two donation boxes containing P30,000 from a Roman Catholic church in Sta. Ana, Manila yesterday at dawn.

Insp. Arthur Strevel of the Western Police District station 6 investigation unit said Guillermo Bosano, a resident of Fabie Estate, Sta. Ana, was spotted by a parishioner carrying the boxes out of the Holy Family Church on Eloriaga Street around 5:30 a.m.

The police lieutenant said Bosano entered through the exhaust fan hole in the back of the church. The suspect detached the rotating fan and squeezed himself into the crevice.

A parishioner, Reynaldo Liongson, saw Bosano fleeing the church and quickly called for police assistance. But instead of letting go of the heavy boxes, Bosano tried to escape until lawmen cornered him.

The money in the boxes, which had been counted, was recovered intact.

Bosano, according to parish employees interviewed by police, may have also been responsible to earlier thefts of money and other valuables in the church.

Investigators said the suspect used to sell corn to churchgoers on worship days.

The suspect is detained at Station 6. Lydia Pagadora, coordinator of the church's perpetual adoration chapel, filed a case of theft against him in behalf of the parish.

Man shot in the back with 'sumpak'

JOSEPH B. Anos, 21, was shot in the back with a homemade shotgun (sumpak) in Barangay Batasan Hills, in Quezon City Wednesday night.

Police were trying to find out if his death was related to the rumble between warring fraternities that led to the death of two minors earlier.

Anos, of Luzviminda Village, Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City, did not make it alive to the hospital after one of three unidentified men shot him, the Central Police District-Criminal Investigator Unit said yesterday.

Anos was standing at the corner of Masbate and Zambales streets when, around 9:30 p.m., the three men sneaked up from behind him.

One of them pulled out a *sumpak* and shot Anos in the back, police said.

Anos was declared dead on arrival at the East Avenue Medical Center around 10 p.m., police said.

Wednesday morning, Gino Pineda, 14, and Luisito Sta. Maria, 16, were killed after their gang, the Tau Gamma fraternity, fought with members of the Magic Five street gang in Barangay Batasan Hills, police said.

Pineda was also shot with a *sumpak*. Sta. Maria was stabbed several times.

Philip C. Tubeza

Rob suspect with toy guns shot to death

AN UNIDENTIFIED man was shot dead allegedly while trying to steal scrap iron in a Quezon City paper mill on Wednesday afternoon.

Security guard Weny Villajos, of the Manila Paper Mills on Quirino Highway in Barangay Talipapa, Novaliches, Quezon City, said he shot the unidentified suspect after the man tried to grab his shotgun, said investigator PO3 Edwin de la Cruz of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

The man was described as 25 to 30 years old, five feet tall, of medium build, and dark complexioned.

Villajos said he saw the man and three others stealing scrap iron bars in the paper mill compound at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The guard said he called his colleagues and they ran after the culprits. He said the suspect tried to grab his shotgun. He said he fired and hit the suspect in the chest.

The suspect's companions escaped.

The INQUIRER learned that the slain man was wearing only two pairs of shorts, with two toy guns tucked at the waist. His pockets were reportedly filled with toy soldiers and planes.

The guard shot the man allegedly after the latter acted like he was going to shoot the watchman with his toy guns.

Philip C. Tubeza

Amateur judo group officer kills self

THE NATIONAL Capital Region director of the Philippine Amateur Judo Association yesterday morning committed suicide by hanging, according to police.

Augusto Steve M. Balcon II, 28, of Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City, killed himself in his house, said investigator PO3 Jun Mortel of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit.

The victim's father told police he did not know what led his son to commit suicide. His son was not able to join the Philippine team during the recent Southeast Asia (SEA) Games in Malaysia, he said.

Police said Balcon left a letter that said in Filipino, "I can't take it anymore. Forgive me. I don't want my life and those of my family to be destroyed further."

The victim's uncle, retired police Supt. Alejandro G. Balcon, later reported the incident to the CPD-CIU at Camp Karingal in Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

Philip C. Tubeza

Kilosbayan

UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Prof. Randy David will engage Kilosbayan members and guests in a lively discussion of the latest events, including the destruction of the World Trade Center and part of the Pentagon building, and their impact on the Philippines, at the Kilosbayan forum at 2 p.m. today. The forum will be held on the third floor of the Shalom Center at 1660 Leon Ma. Guerrero St. (beside St. Paul College), Malate, Manila. There is a parking area at 1667 Vasquez St., across the Ellinwood Church.

ENTERTAINMENT

LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

'THE PRINCESS DIARIES'

Julie Andrews does the best out of a badly written script

BY RUBEN M. CRUZ JR.

REVIEW

PERHAPS it's a bit unfair for me to criticize a film that is clearly not intended for my age bracket, but I'll do it anyway because any film that runs under the guise of "General Patronage" should at least provide a modicum of enjoyment to a broad audience, don't you think?

Some filmmakers have proven time and again that there can be family films that the entire family—and not just particular members of it—can actually enjoy.

"The Princess Diaries" is not one of those films. Perhaps pre-pubescent girls like my niece Claudine will find it somewhat amusing. I say only perhaps because she might be disappointed to find that the Julie Andrews in this Disney film is a far cry from the "Mary Poppins" she saw on video.

It's not Ms Andrews' fault, of course. She does the best she can out of a badly written script, and given that, even manages to shine in certain scenes, reminding us all what we've been missing in all those years she spent concentrating on her children's books.

Compelling argument

Although her thespian gifts cannot save "The Princess Diaries" altogether, at least she's able to give it some class, something that, despite its regal theme, the film needs very badly.

"The Princess Diaries" is supposed to be suffused with the charm and grandeur of royalty, yet for much of its running time—almost two painful hours—the film inadvertently provides a compelling argument on why a monarchy should be abolished altogether.

Mia Thermopolis (Anne Hathaway) is a geeky 15-year-old studying in a snooty San Francisco private school. She's living an anonymous life in the company of her fellow social outcasts, and that's contenting enough for her until she discovers that her deceased father was the crown prince of Genovia, a small but prosperous country somewhere in Europe.

Her grandmother, Queen Clarisse Renaldi (Julie Andrews) shows up in Mia's life for the first time to tell her she's first in line to the throne and that Genovia's very existence is in jeopardy if she doesn't accept her birthright. Halfheartedly, Mia agrees to entrust herself to her grandmother's bidding.

But what does it take to be a modern-day princess? Based on the film's exposition on royals, not very much.

Mia gets a makeover and some lessons on royal deportment and voila! She's ready to assume the responsibility of a princess.

Of course, in the hands of fantasy flick veteran Gary Marshall, this abstract takes a lot longer and is more elaborate. Hathaway's "ugly duckling to beautiful swan" transformation is somewhat reminiscent of Julia Robert's role in "Pretty Woman," a film that Marshall also directed. But in Robert's case, it was endearing. She was a street prostitute looking for that one opportunity to turn her life around.

There were very real elements in "Pretty Woman" to sell us the idea that what happened to her could really happen in real life. And in the end, she saves Richard Gere as much as he saves her. She becomes not only the storybook princess we are familiar with, but also the heroine we are not used to.

There is a lot less to be enthusiastic about in Mia's case and Hathaway is still decades away from the kind of acting that naturally brings in audiences to pine for a character's victory.

Furthermore, the film has certain irrationalities that get in the way of its fairy tale story. Perhaps one can argue that that's precisely why it's called a fairy tale.

I like believing in fairy tales, I really do. I still rub empty bottles I find washed up on the beach. But even films with fairy tale plots have to have some reality pegs in order for the magic to take effect. They have to give you some leverage to make you want to truly suspend disbelief—a riffle something the illusion can hang on to. And "The Princess Diaries" doesn't give you much.

To begin with, I find nothing wrong with how Mia looks. She's got thick eyebrows, a thick pair of eye glasses and frizzy hair, but are these features supposed to make her ugly?

'Ugly duckling' phase

If so, then the film does a bad job of it because Hathaway still looks like a pretty lass during her "ugly duckling" phase, and that's obvious for instance when she's at gym class or tending to her part-time job at the rock climbing facility.

Even so, should a princess have to look like the cover girl of some teen magazine in order for her to be worthy of the title?

Maybe from a storybook's perspective the answer is yes, but still what a message we're sending to all the girls who will watch the film—look good and you'll be a worthy human being.

There are a lot more "huh?" elements in the film.

Mia's supposed to be clumsy and falls all over the place, yet she's quite adept when riding her trolley all around the streets of San Francisco. Go figure.

The most popular boy in the private school looks like a cork primed up for a major ass whopping. Mia's mother is supposed to be one of those sensitive soul types, yet her daughter's father dies and still she doesn't tell her of his true identity? She even falls for a debate teacher (how and why we don't even see in the film) who lets the A-crowd jerks in school humiliate her daughter in his class.

THE QUEEN and the princess. Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway in Gary Marshall's latest flick.

Royalty

Royalty—regardless of which country—has always been a hot ticket with the press, yet Mia and her mom manage to remain anonymous despite the fact that Mia's father almost did a Henry VIII abdication in favor of love. And if Mia is the only other legitimate heir to the Genovia throne aside from her father, why was she ignored for the last 15 years?

Such are the little things that destroy the film's credibility for me. One wants to suspend disbelief but intellectual suspicion holds that possibility.

Even for a Disney film the script by Gina Wendkos based on the novel by Med Cabot is more plumped up with drivel than usual. As a result, "The Princess Diaries" seems to have no build-up, no climax and no major crises a viewer can become engrossed in.

It's a two-hour sitcom about what teenagers supposedly find popular. Gone is the Disney magic and Gary Marshall's comic timing in this film.

This is Ms Andrews' first big-screen appearance in 15 years. I think she should have held out for a better film if only for the sake of all those kids who saw her glory in "The Sound of Music" and "Mary Poppins."

New child star turns in outstanding performance

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LOCAL movies have featured a number of lovable and talented child stars. In the '50s, **Tessie Agana**'s success in "Roberta" gave Sampaguita Pictures a new lease on life after a fire had gutted its film vaults.

Also in the '50s, **Ike Jarlego Jr.** also came on strong and sensitive in "Anak Dalita." **Mila Nimfa** had her own share of fans. Also a top favorite was **Tita Duran**, who first clicked as the Philippines' answer to **Shirley Temple** and later became a popular romantic-musical leading lady who married **Pancho Magalona**.

In the '60s, **Vilma Santos**, **Lorna Tolentino**, **Gina Alajar**, **Roderick Paulate**, **Jay Ilagan** and **Frankie Navaja Jr.** had their respective coteries of fans as child stars, and many of them were well-loved stars in adulthood as well.

The '70s were dominated by **Niño Muhlach** and **Snooky**, two very precocious tykes who could assure the success of their starrers, all by their lonesome.

In the '80s, leading child stars like **Janice de Belen**, **Herbert Bautista** and **Leizl Sumilang** were kept busy by TV-film assignments.

In the '90s, many child stars like **Serena Dalrymple**, **Angelica Panganiban** and **Camille Prats** topbilled TV-film projects and co-starred with the biggest adult stars in the land.

Thus far into the new millennium, however, few child stars have surfaced on the entertainment scene. After **Chito Roño**'s "La Vida Rosa" is shown later this month, however, it's likely that local moviegoers will have a new major child star to love to bits in the person of little **Jiro Manio**, who plays the plum role of **Rosanna Roces**' love child in the much-anticipated movie.

We hear that Jiro got his start in "Muro-Ami," but he definitely makes a bigger splash in "La Vida Rosa." What makes him stand out as a child performer is his very welcome lack of *arte, porma* and *pa*-cute tricks and shtick—very common and cloying tendencies of child talents in these parts.

Instead, Jiro plays each of his scenes naturally, without artifice and without unnecessarily calling attention to himself. He isn't *mestizo-pogi* like many boys in local show biz, but he has a charm and vulnerability all his own.

Even better, in "La Vida Rosa," Jiro has many scenes with Rosanna Roces, who clearly dotes on her talented little costar. Jiro and Rosanna work very well together and have a unique effect on viewers because they don't have the usual heart-warming mother-son scenes.

Instead, they're forever getting on each other's nerves, and Rosanna spanks him quite often and doesn't keep many secrets from him, so he knows the score about life at an early age.

This is particularly true regarding the identity of his long-missing father, which Rosanna keeps fudging and changing from time to time. Of course, this is a terrible thing to do to a child, but Jiro simply purses his lips and keeps a firm hold on his equanimity.

Jiro also has some good scenes with **Diether Ocampo**, who plays his mother's lover. Diether isn't much of a surrogate dad to him, but Jiro has such low expectations that Diether passes muster as a father figure as far as he's concerned.

That's the most affecting thing about Jiro's performance in this film: Since he was born with so little, he's learned to expect even less, and is enormously grateful when he's given anything at all.

The terrible thing is that he's still a child and shouldn't have to be so disciplined, understanding and philosophical. But that's the life of a child whose mother is forever trying to run away from the long arm of the law—and that's what makes Jiro's portrayal so affecting.

Last weekend for "Little Mermaid' at Meralco Theater

SHOWS

TRUMPETS announces its last call for the last few performances of "Little Mermaid," scheduled on the following dates: Sept. 21 at 8 p.m., Sept. 22 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sept. 23 at 3 p.m., at the Meralco Theater.

Dubbed as this year's most spectacular theatrical production, "Little Mermaid" has been receiving rave reviews from audiences and critics alike for its fabulous set design, stunningly beautiful costumes, brilliant music and top-rate performances from some of the best talents in the field of entertainment.

In the lead role as Jewel, crown princess of Aquatica are Carol Banawa and Dianne de la Fuente, with charming *balikbayan* Katrina Villarante also playing in certain performances.

The dashing Prince Christian is once more portrayed by Jeff Arcilla and Noel Rayos, while the role of the charming Princess Sapphire will be portrayed by Cathy Azanza.

Carlo Orosa is back as the scholarly Nicodemus, while Freddie Santos is at his kingly best once more as King Argo.

Lynn Sherman and Sheila Francisco will alternate in the role of the wily Crustacea, while Eladio Pamaran and Tonipet Gaba alternate as Calamari.

Tickets to "Little Mermaid" are still available at all National Bookstore Ticketworld outlets (891-5610/ 891-5527/ 891-5539) and at the Trumpets office, 6th Level of Shangri-La Plaza Mall (633-5010 or 633-4387).

Pooh and Friends live

WINNIE the Pooh and his friends—Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit and Piglet—will perform live for the public in the ongoing friendship party until Sept. 23 at Ayala Center, Makati.

Get a chance to meet the popular Disney characters and join the adventure and exciting activities in the event. Admission is free.

Visit the houses of Pooh, Piglet and Tigger and have fun having your pictures taken dressed up like them.

If you like to be a little creative, go over to Eeyore's house and learn how to make your own friendship bracelet and mask.

Drop by at Rabbit's house and see what's baking! Decorate your own yummy sweets and sink your teeth on those delicious delights.

Over at Owl's house, you don't need to be as wise as he is to be an artist. Try your hand at ceramic painting and glass etching and turn these ordinary pieces into wonderful creations.

If you are you a Pooh collector, visit The Village Gift Shop and check out the wide array of exciting Pooh merchandise offered until Sept. 30.

Mild Seven parties

THE MILD Seven team, composed of young, gorgeous models who go around the city, continues their "mission" this weekend.

The team will go on another round of "Truth or Dare" in popular bars.

Tonight, the models will visit Makati—Buma, Cable Car Glorietta and Pasay Road, Café Overdrive, Che Cigar, Cork, Grilla, Hard Rock Café, Hutu's Hut, Padi's Point Jupiter, Pasay Road and Mile Long, Stix Bar, Tequila Joe's and WhistleStop.

Tomorrow night, Sept. 22, the team will check out the hottest joints in Libis and Tomas Morato, like Bargo, Blue Onion, Big Shots, Cactus, Cafea, Culture Club, Congo Grille, East Saint Louie, Famous Mike's, Giligans, Grilla, Humidor, Katips, Quattro, Southern Bulls, Ten Years After, WhistleStop and Padi's Point.

NBK event

HEAVYWEIGHT local club promoters Natural Born Klubbers (NBK) begin their weekly parties called "Faith," starting 10 tonight in its new venue, seveneightorange along Makati Avenue.

The event will be held every Friday and features popular NBK DJ Manolet Dario, with other young and talented NBK residents Adrian Cuenca, Adrian Hernandez, Bombie Balquiedra, David Jacob, Jay Tengco, Jed Dario, Lester Castillo and Roman Mojica.

The music at this ground-breaking club concept will range from chill house and garage to progressive and deep house.

Several popular local and foreign DJs will also be invited as surprise guests to the weekly clubbing event.

Big discounts await patrons before midnight. Part of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), as part of NBK's commitment in preserving the country's endangered marine life.

SIDE A BAND AT VIRGIN CAFÉ

Virgin Café's "Great Band Nights" brings back the Side A Band at 10 tonight. The popular pop quintet is composed of Joey Generoso, Joey Benin, Ernie Severino, Naldy Gonzales and Kelly Badon. The group will perform their hits like "Forevermore," "Will I ever," "So Many Questions," "Tell Me" and a lot more.

What women love that men won't ever understand

(From page A31)

want with the insurance that even after drinking from a coffee cup or having a meal, you'll still have some color left.

I've been guilty of having lipstick on my teeth, most often when it's a bright red. I've found that when I pucker and stick my index finger wrapped with a tissue in between my lips, I get rid of some of the excess lipstick that creeps inward and I'm less likely to have the dreaded lipstick on my teeth disaster.

Blush-on has a way of giving you a rosy glow even if you haven't worked out or done any outdoor activity in the past year. Filipinas tend to overlook this since we are a face powder-obsessed nation.

Granted that skin that's non-oily is attractive and looks clean, a hint of color on the apples of your cheeks can only help to make you even more attractive.

I read in Allure magazine—I think it was in **Kevyn Aucoin**'s beauty column—that the more unnaturally pink the shade of the blush is, the more natural it will look on your cheeks, provided you use the right light strokes. I tried it myself and he was right.

Nars has a great blush, in the Mata Hari shade. It gives your cheeks such an attractive, youthful blush. If you want a bit more sophistication, with just a hint of a gold shimmer (this perfectly simulates a golden tan), try Nars' Silvana, which is especially good for evenings.

Smoky look

Lastly, for those experimenting with the new, updated smoky look in their eyes. I'm just in love with Nars' Glitter Pencil in Area. The pencil is chubby enough to make lining your upper lids an easier task, and the black pencil doesn't look too harsh because it's speckled with gold glitter. Mix this with any of your dark brown, dark grey, charcoal or olive green eye shadows and you can recreate the glamorous smoky eyes that can really make our Oriental eyes more defined and more mysterious.

Let's face it, very few women are breathtakingly beautiful when without a trace of make-up. In local show biz, only **Gretchen Barreto**, **Dina Bonnevie**, **Alma Moreno** and **Aiko Melendez** come to mind.

Make-up was invented to enhance and highlight what's there to begin with. Now, we're so lucky to have so much to choose from and we should allow ourselves to dip into the different concoctions. After all, we should always aim to maximize our potential.

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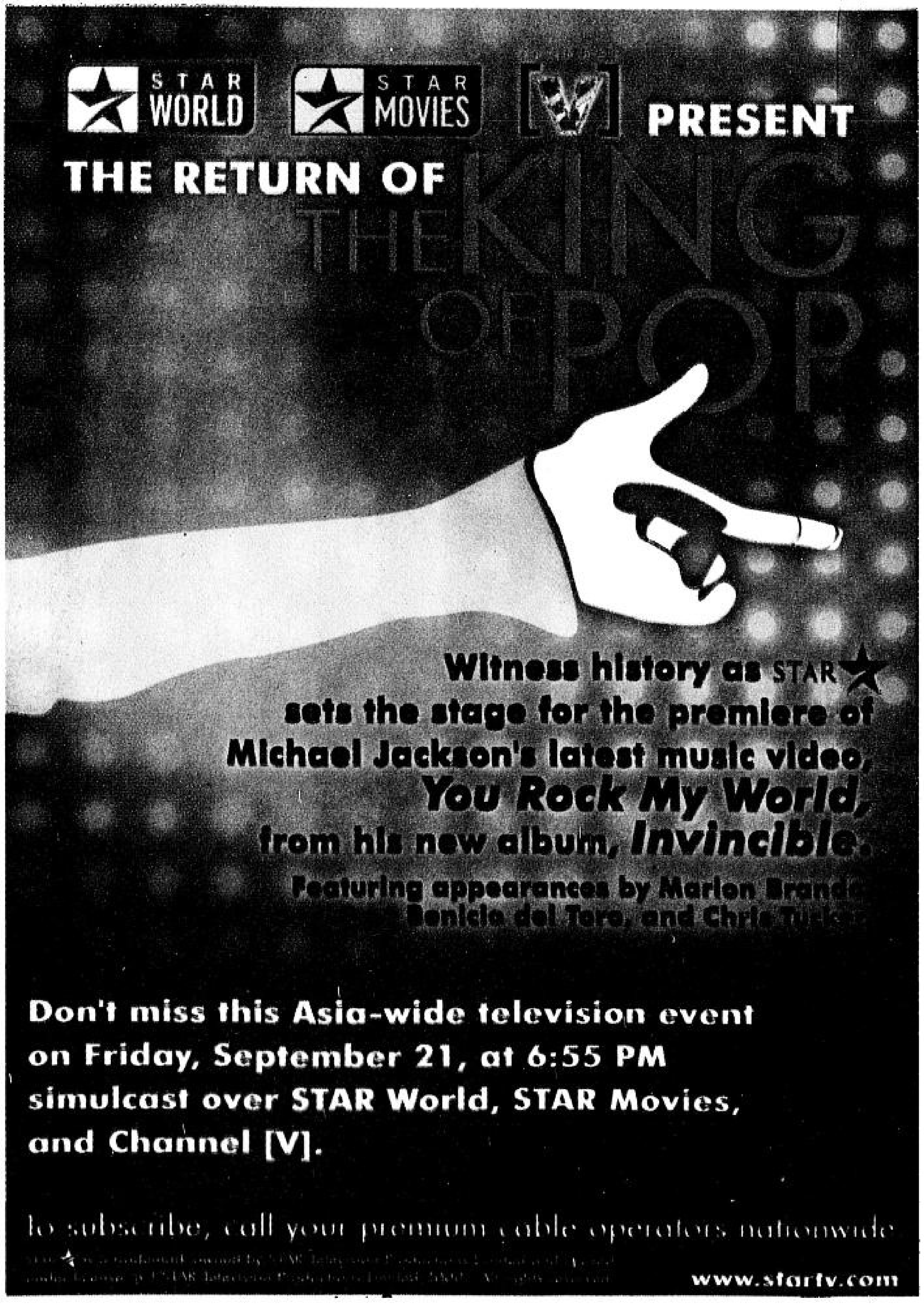
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Miriam and Hans 'very sweet' in Baguio

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

WHEN beauty queen-turned-TV host **Miriam Quiambao** broke up with her non-show biz boyfriend, the buzz was that it was because of Miriam's "Extra, Extra" cohost **Paolo Bediones**.

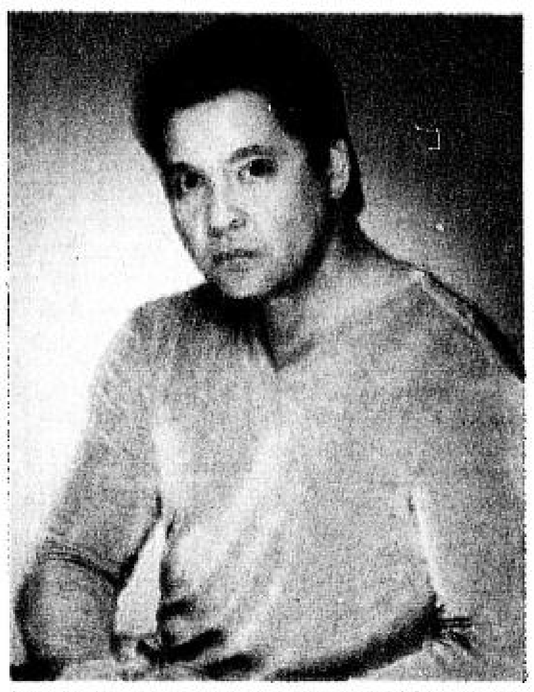
Paolo is apparently never into the picture as far as Miriam's romantic life is concerned. Their relationship is purely professional. And believe it or not, they're just friends.

A reliable source who is also from GMA, told us that Miriam is now the lady love of *mestizo* hunk **Hans Montenegro**, who is her cohost in GMA's early morning program, "Unang Hirit."

The romance is said to have bloomed only very recently on the studio set of "Unang Hirit." When the hosts went to Baguio last weekend—to attend the making of the world's biggest salad *a la* Guinness—Miriam and Hans were reportedly "very sweet."

Our source said the two were seemingly oblivious of the people around them. Everywhere they went, Miriam and Hans were such a coosome two-some in the city of pines. They would hug each other at the Convention Center, Baguio Country Club, Good Shepherd Convent and even at the Ukay-Ukay, where you can buy really inexpensive export over-run garments.

In case Miriam and Hans have forgotten, the mountains in Baguio also have eyes and ears.



NIEVERA. Gets a gold record award for his new album, "My Souvenirs."

Lyrics that touch the heart

"*WE both know it's over now, but we don't know how to let each other go. We both know it's over now, 'cause we don't know how to say goodbye.*"

They say that a singer's true strength is his romantic heart. This is best exemplified by **Martin Nievera**, who hasn't stopped churning out romantic melodies.

Martin's latest single is another heart-wrenching ballad, "To Say Goodbye," which is one of the two new cuts in his new album, "My Souvenirs," under MCA Universal.

Martin apparently has a big romantic heart which allows him to create songs that everyone can feel. His melodies are magic; his lyrics touch the heart and pierce through emotions to evoke real sentiments.

Yet, we're talking about someone who never had any formal music lessons nor doesn't know how to play any musical instrument.

Martin may not approximate the knowledge of his long-time musical director **Louie Ocampo**, who is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. But Martin certainly knows how to translate poetic romance into chart-toppers.

Two years ago, Martin wrote a very emotional piece, "Before You Said Goodbye," for his ex-wife **Pops Fernandez**. The new single, "To Say Goodbye," is another stirring ballad.

"My Souvenirs," produced by **Chito Ilagan**, takes everyone on a retrospective into Martin's career. The CD, which comes with a free VCD of Martin's choice performances, is laden with the "best of" Martin's singles.

I'm thrilled that the album carries three of my personal favorites—"The Promise," "Kahit Isang Saglit" and "The Last Time I Felt Like This."

MONTENEGRO AND QUIAMBAO. Romance bloomed on the studio set of "Unang Hirit."

The track list includes:

"You Are My Song," a ditty which Martin originally composed for **Regine Velasquez**, but released as a CD single which turned platinum in 1996;

"You," the revival of The Carpenters' hit, from the album "Journeys" in 1997;

"Forever," a duet with Regine;

"You're My Everything" and "Never Said Goodbye," from the album "Roads," which was certified double platinum in 1995;

"The Greatest Love Affair," a duet with his dad, **Bert Nievera**.

The other new cuts are "It's All Up To You," Martin's duet with US pop star **Mikaila**; and "Pag-uwi," the Louie Ocampo composition which won the grand prize in the recent Metropop Music Festival.

Martin reprises his recording of "The Greatest Love of All," which he originally did as the theme of the **Maricel Soriano** movie, "Mila."

Like Martin's previous albums, "My Souvenirs" is a certified bestseller. The CD turned gold after only six days in the record market. The award was presented to Martin by MCA Universal top honcho **Ramon Chuaying**, during the recent launch at Country Waffles in Greenhills.

Ogie sings Alcasid

WHEN **Ogie Alcasid** was a kid, he would ape his idol, **Rico Puno** and sing the latter's Tagalog hit, "Buhat."

"The first time I saw him (Rico) on noontime TV, I was immediately thrilled," Ogie shares. "He's not really good-looking, but he sings very much like a black singer. I was fascinated with his style. It was really different. He sings *a la* Stylistics, yet his style is *parang masa.*"

While his siblings admire the likes of **Celeste Legaspi** and **Basil Valdez**, Ogie was easily taunted for idolizing Rico Puno.

"Rico used to wear flared jumpsuits and I even had one tailored for me," Ogie says. "He also had an 'R' necklace, so I had an 'H' made for me, since my real name is Herminio. My dad used to call me, 'Hico Puno.'"

When he was in second grade at La Salle Greenhills, Ogie dauntlessly volunteered to sing "Buhat" in front of his class, after his teacher asked them who wants to show his talent.

"The next day, I was asked to sing the national anthem during the flag ceremony of the elementary level," Ogie offers.

Ogie finally got to meet Rico when he (Ogie) was already a singer. "We performed together in Davao," Ogie recalls. "He (Rico) came up to me and said idol *daw ako ng anak niya, si* **Rox**, who even sings 'Nandito Ako.' But I told him, '*Hindi mo lang alam. Ikaw talaga ang idol ko*'."

Ogie discloses he was thrilled no end when he shared the stage with Rico in that Davao show. They did a duet of "Kapantay ay Langit."

"After that, every time I would have an anniversary concert, Rico would guest in my show," Ogie says. "He is really the man for me. I was even the one who introduced him to golf."

ALCASID. Pays tribute to his idol, Rico Puno, in a two-night concert.

Years later, Ogie was again elated to work with Rico on TV, in the short-lived sitcom, "Vina," starring **Vina Morales** on ABC 5.

On Oct. 5 and 6 at 9 p.m., Ogie will pay tribute to Rico Puno in a two-night concert, "Ogie Sings Alcasid," at Onstage in Greenbelt.

While the show has a repertoire composed mostly of Ogie's hits, the singer-songwriter will also render tunes from his musical influences including Rico Puno and **Rey Valera**.

Of course, Ogie will be honored to have Rico in the audience and watch him perform.

With **Regine Velasquez** as his special guest, Ogie will do a duet of "Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw," which he composed for Regine's movie of the same title (with **Robin Padilla**). They will also sing "Come What May," from the soundtrack of the Hollywood movie, "Moulin Rouge."

After more than a decade in the local entertainment scene, Ogie has charted a string of hits which includes heart-wrenching ballads like "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang," and "Nandito Ako."

His other hit singles in the lineup are "Pangako," "Mahal Kita, Walang Iba" and "Dahil Mahal Kita."

It will surely be a delight to watch him perform his chart-toppers, so try not to miss his two-night show.

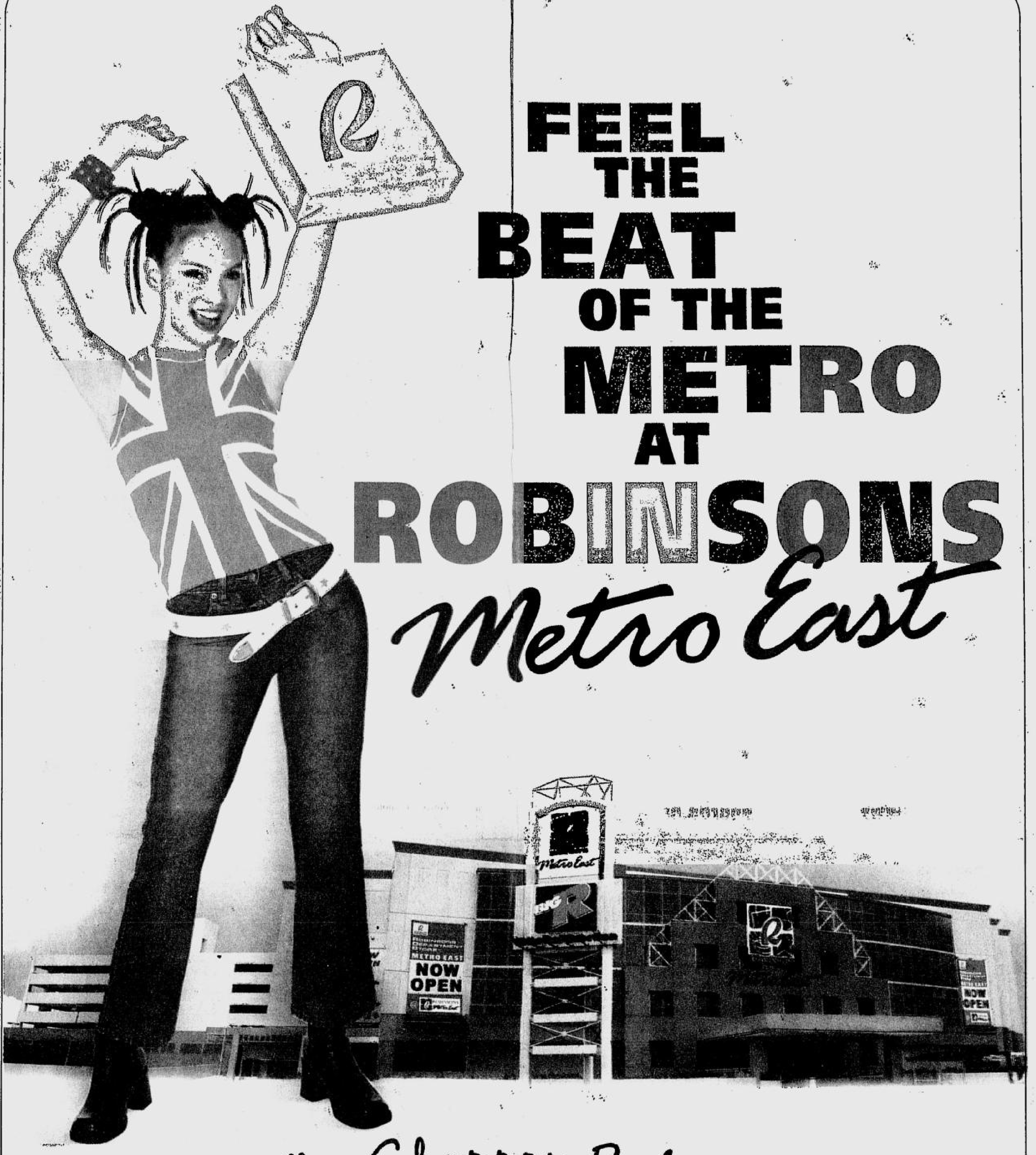
Original music series

I HAVE yet to check out the original music series, "Halo Halo," on Studio 23's Myx. It is hosted by writer-rock singer **Lourd de Veyra**, the frontman of the group RadioActive Sago Project.

At 6 tonight, Lourd interviews Wolfgang and presents a preview of the group's latest album, "Black Mantra." The record is a follow up to the dark and brooding debut, "Semenelin."

Wolfgang has enjoyed many highlights in their career this year. **Basti Artadi**, the lead singer, played title role in the local production of the Broadway musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Wolfgang also graces the soundtrack of the Hollywood film, "Final Fantasy."



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3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

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ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	SCARY MOVIE 2
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	A KNIGHT'S TALE
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CINEMA-3	PUKYUTAN
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CINEMA-6	A.I.
CINEMA-7	BURLESK QUEEN
CINEMA-8	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
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CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	ENEMY AT THE GATES
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Movie premiere

THE NEW Custom Car and Sport Truck Show 2001, with A-Toy/Tireboy, Kotse.com and Street and Sport Tuner, will host the premiere of "The Fast and the Furious," tonight at SM Megamall Cinema 3.

Paul Walker ("Varsity Blues") and Vin Diesel ("Pitch Black") star in America's latest action-adventure hit movie that is about a fierce and frenzied look at rival Los Angeles street teams who use street-racing as a means of establishing power.

The film also stars Michelle Rodriguez ("Girl Fight"), Jordana Brewster ("The Faculty") and Rick Yune ("Snow Falling on Cedar").

Walker stars as a rookie cop who goes undercover, posing as a racing team member, in order to investigate a series of truck hijackings.

Managing to ingratiate himself with the team's leaders at first, he finds himself in jeopardy when the other members begin to suspect an impostor within their ranks, setting the stage for an exciting climactic showdown.

Directed by Rob Cohen ("The Rat Pack"), "The Fast and the Furious" is a heart-pounding adrenaline rush, featuring sleek and powerful high performance vehicles and the most amazing car-racing sequence ever filmed.

This movie premiere is sponsored by Motolite, Shell Helix/Velocity, Kymco and Ambi Pur.

Video releases

C-INTERACTIVE Digital Entertainment releases on original VCDs and VHS tapes the sexy movie "Syota ng Bayan," starring screen goddess Priscilla Almeda.

Also in the cast are Eddie Garcia and Tonton Gutierrez.

The film is about Tanya, a sexy star on the verge of her declining stardom. She flees back to her hometown and penetrates the political scene by running against the incumbent mayor in the election.

The plot is spiced up by a romantic affair that begins to bloom between Tanya and the mayor's son.

What follows is something that makes the film different from Priscilla's past performances, as she surpasses herself in many steamy scenes with Tonton.

Also released on original video is the action-packed "Air Rage," starring Ice T and Alexandra Raines.

The film is about an airplane hijacked by international terrorists who held all the passengers as hostages.

The government sends a special team for the rescue operation, but all the members except one, are killed.

Completing the package of releases is "Let's Go Tamiya," videos for race car fanatics and Gen-X kids.

In the movie, brothers Jet and Joey Seiba satisfy their need for speed when the duo tackles the toughest race in the mini-4 wheel drive World Grand Prix.

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What women love that men won't ever understand

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

MAKE-UP lovers, rejoice! Essenses, Rustan's expansion of its formidable cosmetics lines, now carries both the **Laura Mercier** and the **Francòis Nars** make-up lines.

Men won't ever understand why we women covet the perfect lipstick shade, in the same way that we don't understand the importance of men having a sub woofer in their speaker set-up. Lipstick just gives you a more polished look. It can stand alone or be the exclamation point in a put-together face. I love to mix and blend my own shades, and the perfect way to do this is with a lipstick palette.

I know for a fact that we women really appreciate a becoming lipstick shade. After "The Buzz" last Sunday, a male friend of mine—who's in the legal profession, and who I'm sure has more pressing concerns than what make-up I use—had to text me to find out what particular shade and brand of lipstick I was using. A female friend of his had asked him to find out for her.

Working wonders

Laura Mercier has a beautiful one, my favorite being Lip Paints #1. It's a beautifully designed silver compact, about 6 inches by 4 inches, with a generous mirror inside and 10 shades chosen from among her bestsellers. Included in this package is an excellently shaped lip brush, which makes application a dream.

Red works wonders especially if you have dark hair and a pale complexion. Laura Mercier's Pink Grape is an earthy red, while Seduction is a drop-dead, show-stopping red. Both are included in this palette's selection.

For more subtle lips, Tea Rose and Baby Lips come closest to what Mother Nature had intended our lips to be if she was feeling particularly generous.

Color is important, but the feel of the lipstick on our lips is tantamount. Laura Mercier has created creamy lipsticks that stay on for a long time, are moist to the lips, and are sweet-tasting and, pleasant smelling. In other words, you'll be confident enough to kiss anybody on the lips while wearing Mercier lipsticks.

Application tips

These are some lipstick application tips that from experience I know are really effective.

Number 1: Lip liner in a shade closest to your lipstick really prolongs the amount of time the color stays on your lips, plus it helps define your lips into a sexier shape. If lining your lips is too much of a hassle, then, after applying your first layer of lipstick, blot your lips on a tissue and re-apply. By blotting, you embed the color and make it adhere more fully to your lips.

The re-application will give you the color you

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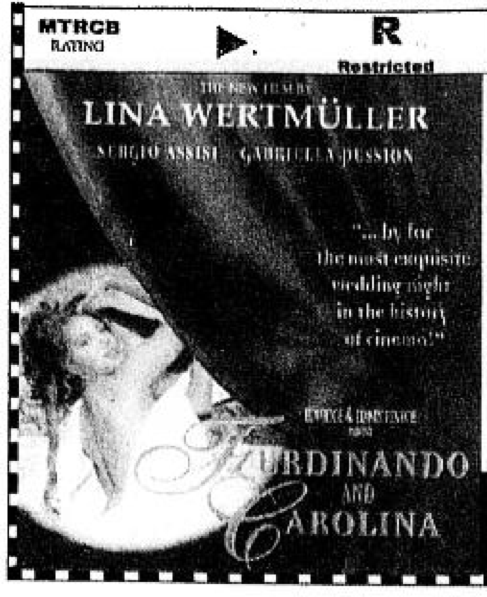
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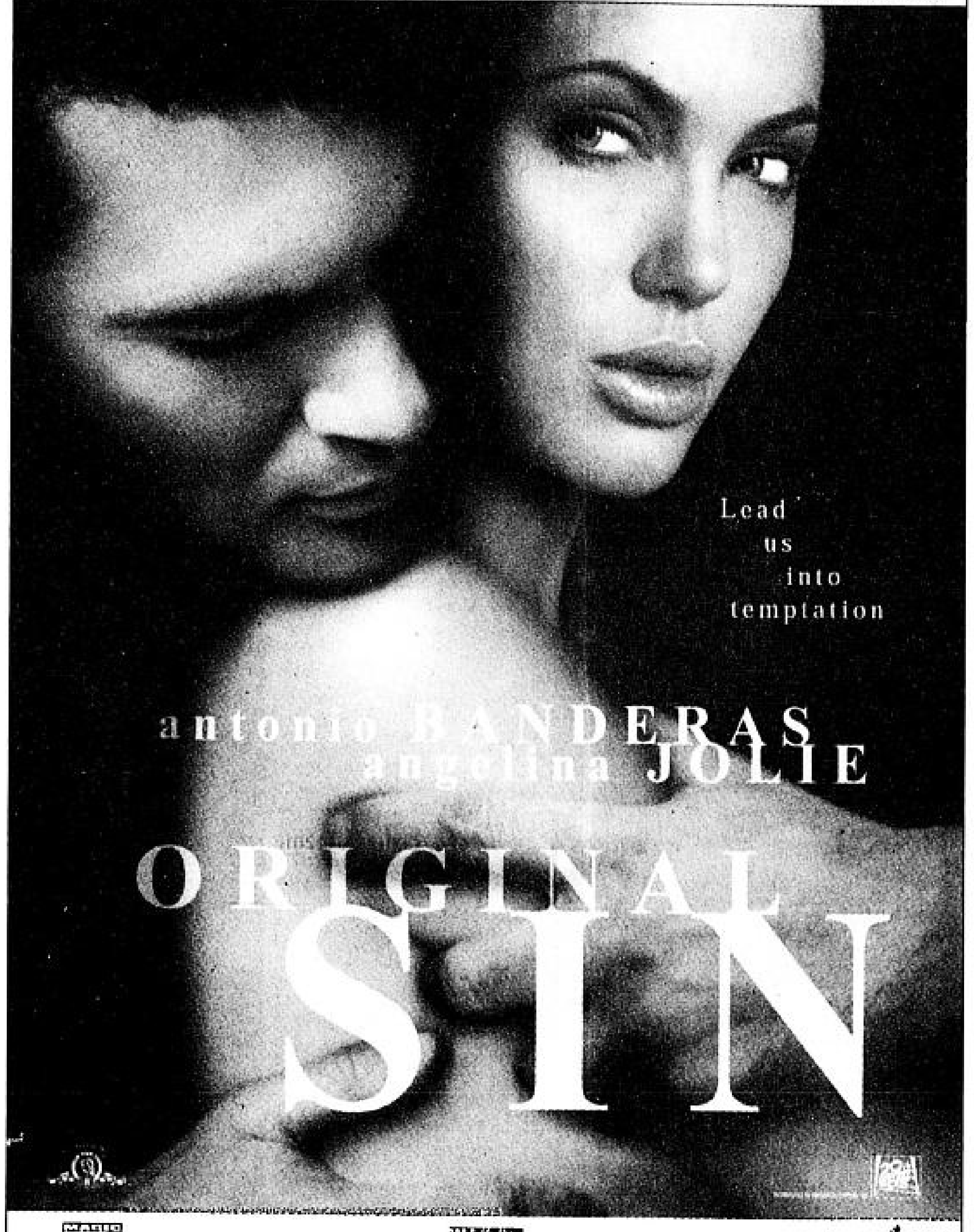
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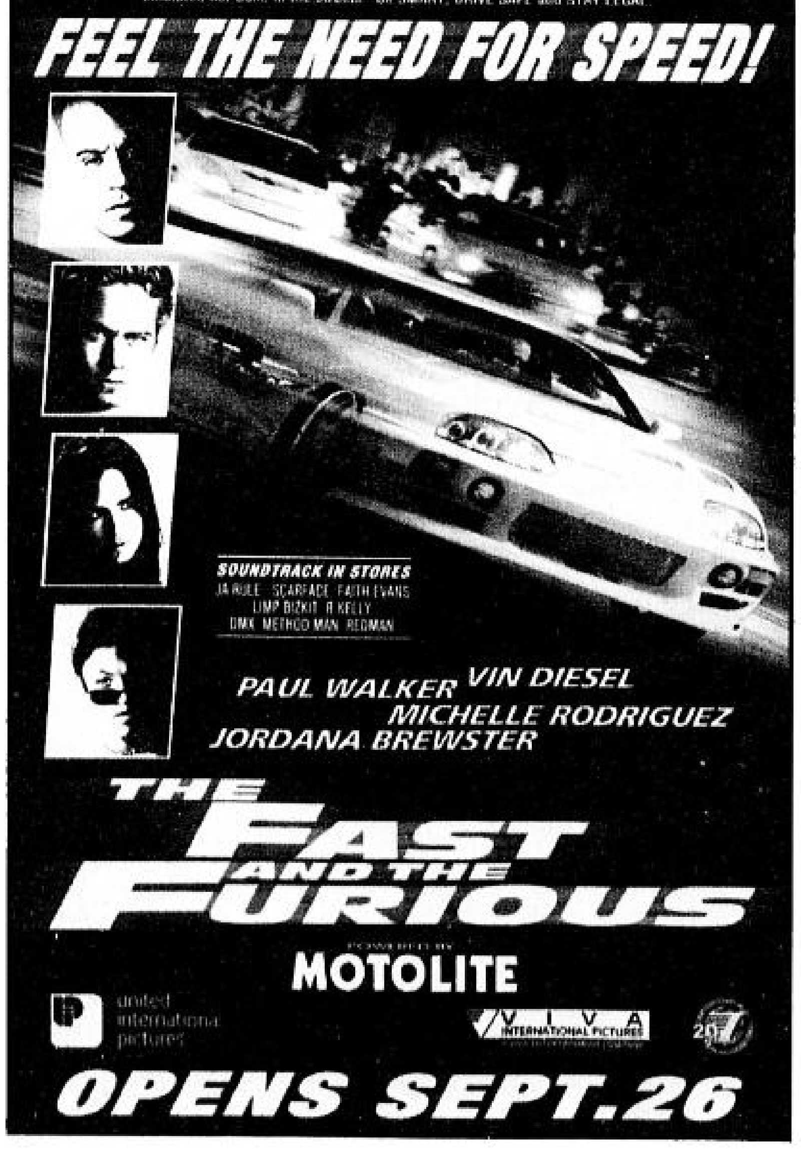
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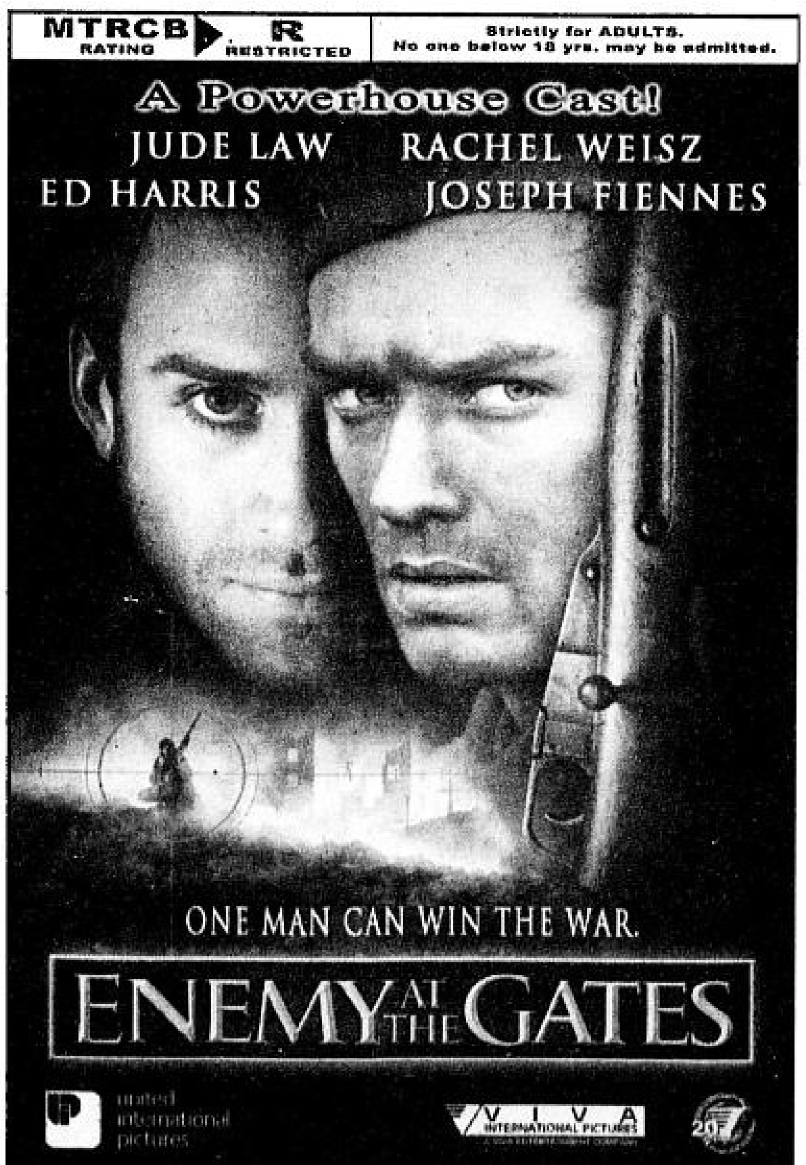
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7-month budget gap hits P99.53B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUDGET deficit swelled to P99.53 billion during the first eight months of the year due to the Macapagal administration's aggressive spending and lower revenue collection during August.

This was P2.88 billion higher than the eight-month target of P96.644 billion.

The deficit resulted from spending of P465.09 billion as against the programmed amount of P463.82 billion, while revenue collection hit only P365.56 billion compared with a target of P367.178 billion for the first eight months of the year.

In August alone, the deficit widened to P16.94 billion, or P12.107 billion more than the target for the month.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday stressed that the government had not included in the budget-deficit data some P5.3 billion in delayed revenue collections and receivables.

"Had we included these late collections and payments, we would have easily been within or even lower than our target in the first eight months of the year," the finance chief said.

Usually conservative in its spending, the government had used up P61.82 billion of its budget when it was only supposed to spend P52.295 billion for August.

Earnings of government agencies for the month of August were still lower than targets, except for the Bureau of Treasury whose gains of P4.626 billion for the month was higher by P3.358 billion than the programmed amount.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue still posted a collection shortfall of P5.55 billion in August at P28.558 billion while the Bureau of Customs fell short of its target by P866 million with its actual earnings of P8.786 billion.

Camacho pointed out that the data released yesterday excluded P2.95 billion in the BIR's collection during the last five days of August that was booked this month plus P904 million in adjustments in tax remittance earnings.

He also noted that the August expenditures had booked a P1.422-billion item for lending, but this amount was repaid late last month only to be recorded by the Treasury last week.

What could offset the gains that were not reflected in August was a P2.453-billion tax spending of the Bureau of Customs that were not booked as part of its collection shortfall.

"I have no doubt our deficit target of P145 billion will still be met by yearend as more of our tax administration measures at the BIR and the BOC take root," Camacho said.

Collection shortfall of the BIR reached P5.264 billion in the first eight months of the year as its earnings stood at P258.234 billion compared with the target of P263.498 billion.

Despite a weaker peso that usually leads to higher earnings for the BOC, the agency only collected P63.783 billion as of August, or P2.405 billion lower than the P66.188-billion target.

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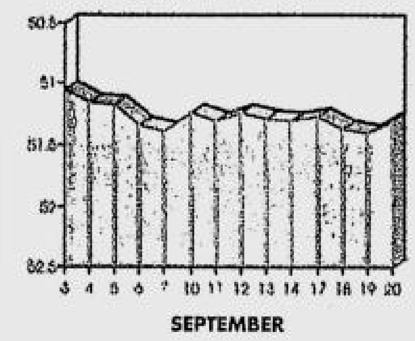

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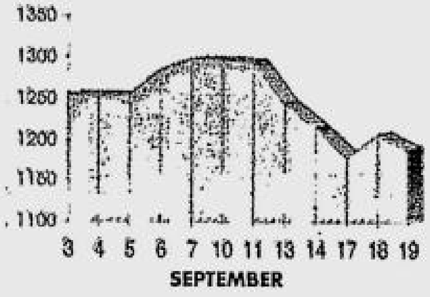

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Stocks hit new 3-year low

SHARES contracted further on Thursday to end at a fresh three-year low in very light volume due to growing concerns about a global recession and the timing of the US retaliatory moves after last week's air attacks.

Traders said the market was likely to drift in the coming sessions, specially after the central bank decided for the second time this week to keep its overnight rates unchanged to wait for firmer indications of inflation trends.

The market recovered slightly from its day lows, supported by slight gains in selected blue chips.

By the close, the Philippine composite index slid by 9.62 points, or 0.81 percent, to end at 1,177.43 points after bobbing in a 16-point range.

It was the lowest close since Sept. 16, 1998.

Turnover remained light at P227.47 million, although higher than Wednesday's record low of P157.09 million.

"That (volume) indicates there are no big moves back into the country. In times of uncertainty, the equities market is always the least favored," said Vincent Lazatin, fund manager of Worldwide Investment Management Co. of the Philippines.

"People are already on the sidelines, trying to figure out whether the United States will go into recession, figure out what the US response will be after the attacks and when," he added.

Losers were in a three-to-one majority, with 37 issues unchanged. *Reuters*

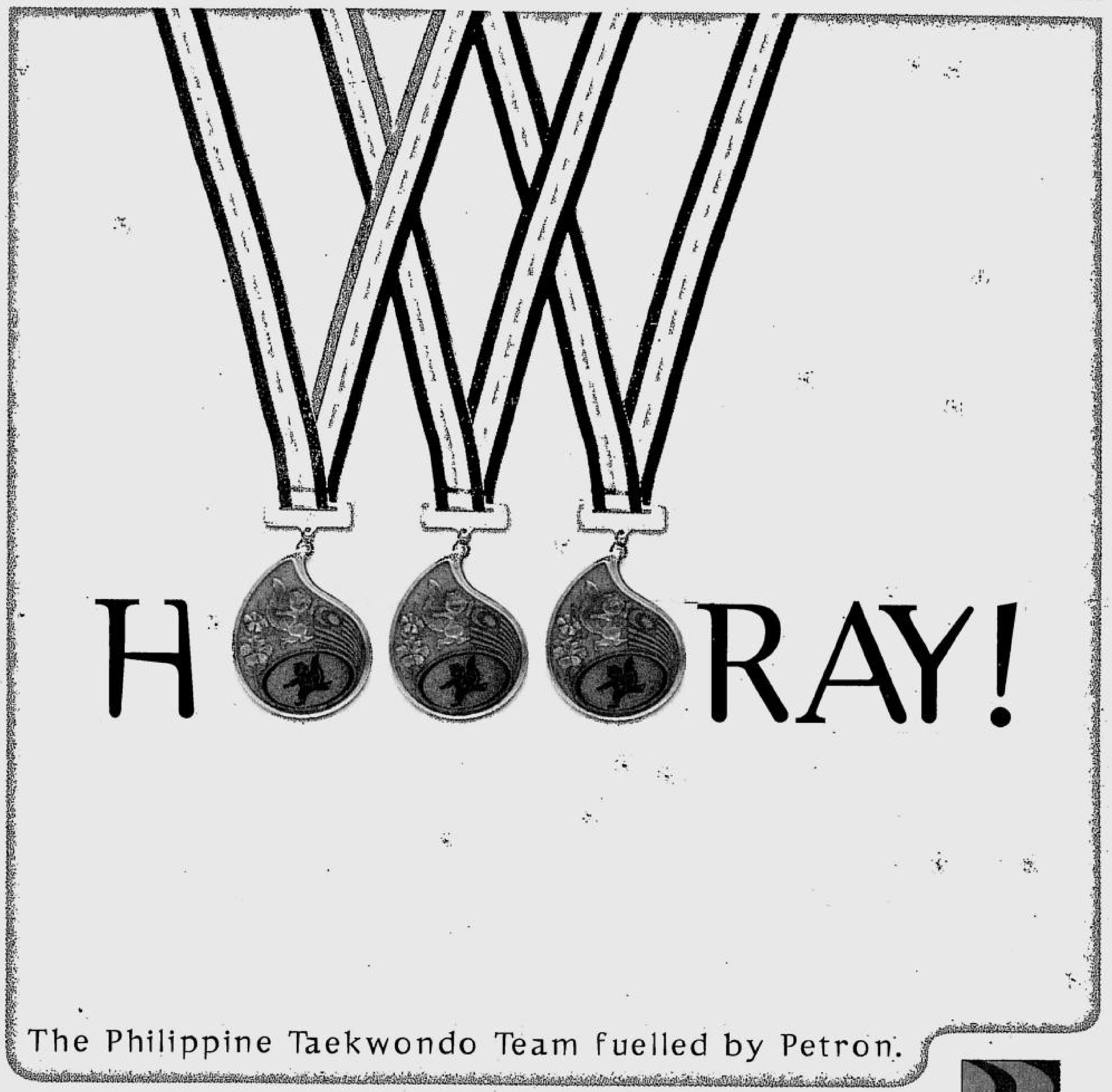
PLDT shelves buyback offer

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) said yesterday that it was withdrawing an offer to buy back its outstanding 8.5-percent notes due 2003 and 10.625-percent notes due 2004 due to market dislocations arising from last week's attacks in the United States.

PLDT last week also postponed a planned $250-million issue of 10-year fixed rate notes, proceeds of which, analysts said, were to be used for the cash tender offer and pay off other debts.

"Due to the dislocations in the financial markets resulting from the recent terrorist incidents in the US, (PLDT) is withdrawing its cash tender offers," PLDT, the country's top telecommunications firm, said in a statement.

"PLDT will closely monitor the restoration of more stable market conditions to evaluate the relaunch of tender offers for the notes," it added. *Reuters*



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French cement firm ties up with Fortune

By Doris C. Dumlao

FRANCE-based La Farge S.A., the world's biggest cement producer, has tied up with Fortune Cement Corp. to strengthen its foothold in the local cement business.

La Farge, which recently completed its acquisition of UK-based Blue Circle Industries (Fortune Cement's strategic foreign partner), has forged an agreement with Fortune that would make the latter another vehicle for its businesses.

The deal fell short of consolidating Fortune Cement with Southeast Asia Cement Holdings Inc., La Farge's own local cement unit, but analysts said such a direction was inevitable.

Fortune and Seacem are both listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange. They are among the biggest cement producers in the country that also include Republic Cement Corp. and Alsons Cement Corp.

Fortune Cement corporate information officer Gilbert Garcia Jr. told the PSE yesterday that the company's board of directors had passed a resolution on Wednesday to use the French cement giant's trademarks, trade name, corporate logo and other intellectual property.

Specifically, the deal covered six items: agreements on services, licensing, purchasing, sales and marketing, accounting and services relating to land use, environmental compliance and related matters.

In a separate disclosure, Fortune Cement also announced changes in its management team. Company chair and director Peter Hoddinott, director John Reinier Dizon and treasurer Mary Margaret San Pedro resigned.

Elected as new chair was Renato Sunico while Romeo Versula was named treasurer, both of whom would serve the remaining term of their predecessors. Maria Angeles was named assistant corporate secretary.

Fortune Cement recorded sales of P1.6 billion in 2000, about 28 percent higher than the previous year's level. The company currently employs 354 people.

La Farge, for its part, completed the acquisition of BCI last July. Headquartered in Paris, Lafarge is the worldwide leader in building materials, with 85,000 employees in 75 countries. The group is the world's number one cement producer and it holds top position in three other divisions—aggregates and concrete, roofing and gypsum. In 2000, Lafarge recorded sales of around $11 billion.

7-month budget gap . . .

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The BOT's over-performance by P8.15 billion helped offset the shortfall of the BIR and the BOC. The Treasury was able to raise P24.786 billion for state coffers as against its commitment of only P16.635 billion.

Earnings from fees and charges reached only P14.32 billion or P1.386 billion lower than the target. The government was also able to raise about P702 million from the sale of its small-ticket items.

On the spending side, the government had settled P111.431 billion in interest payments, or P4.595 billion lower than the target due to lower interest rates on its huge domestic borrowings.

"Fiscal discipline does not mean cutting expenses. It is a proactive calibration of expenditure given the expected revenue and existing market environment," the finance chief explained.

Camacho reiterated that the government had "squeezed the blood out of expenditures" and from now on until year's end, it intended to spend along program levels.

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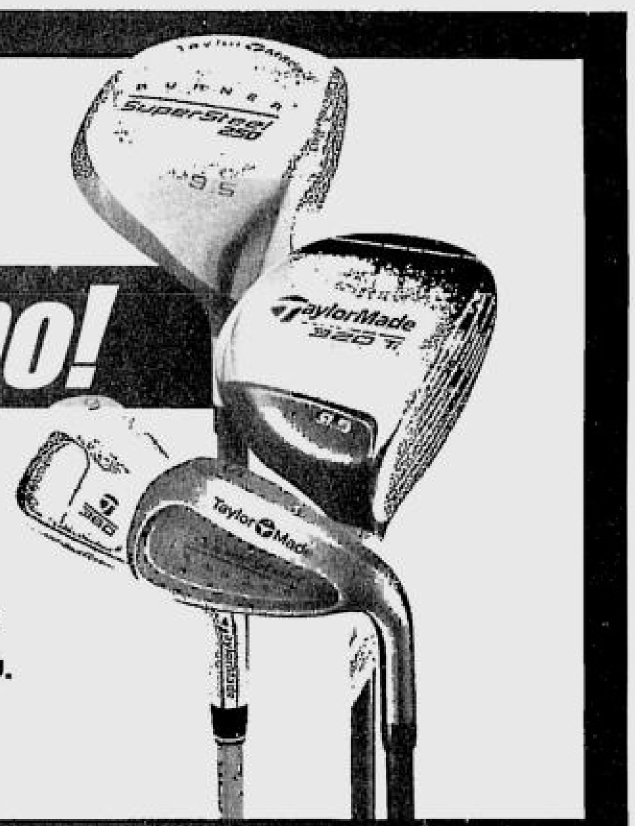

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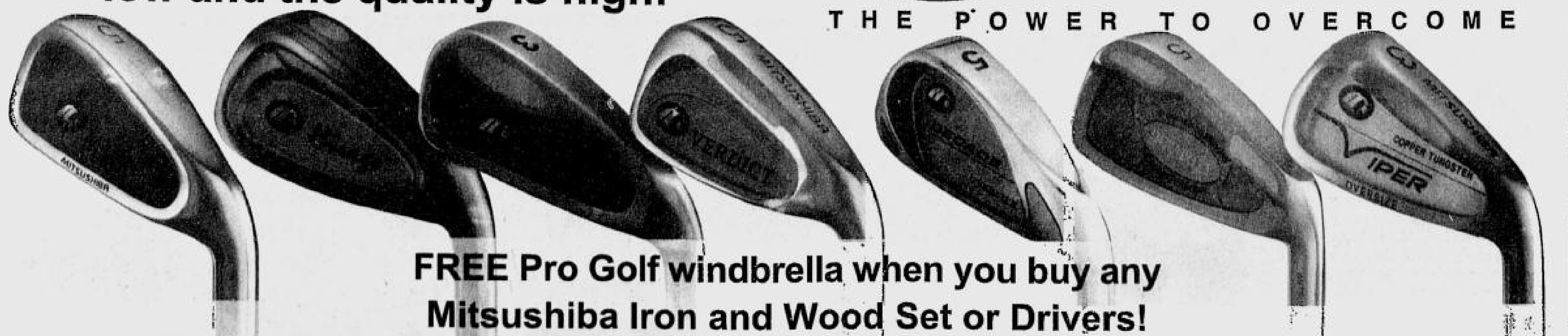

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COCKTALES

By Victor C. Agustin

IT NOW appears that the American husband of Nanette Aguirre of Banco Filipino fortune was arrested Monday and, until yesterday afternoon, was being detained by the local immigration on the basis of an anonymous tip.

Why do we know this?

Because we have a copy of the unsigned complaint.

The legal ground being cited by the Bureau of Immigration in detaining the American, Christopher Koruga, is that the Aguirre husband is an "undesirable alien/and or a public burden." (See *Cocktales*, Sept. 19, 2001, for backgrounder.)

According to Immigration Special Prosecutor Pio Rodulfo III, Koruga was "convicted and/or sentenced for Uniform Controlled Substance Act in connection with his being drug trafficker and/or courier of prohibited drugs in the State of Washington, United States of America."

Although he has a copy of the Washington case, the prosecutor/lawyer omitted the fact that Koruga pleaded guilty in 1983 to picking up a package at the Seattle airport that was found to contain cocaine, an infraction for which Koruga was sentenced to one-year suspended jail term and fined $300.

For that minor conviction two decades ago, Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo now wants Koruga to sign a voluntary deportation form, which would permanently vanish the American from his adopted country.

Domingo, who flirted with Marxism in her juvenile days, has apparently discarded the crime and punishment theory that once a convict has paid his dues, the slate is thereafter wiped clean.

(Following Domingo's logic, we should now start seizing Jardine's multibillion investments in the country and vanish their expatriates for having engaged in massive heroin trafficking in the 19th century.)

To strengthen their flimsy case, the immigration prosecutors now have discarded their phantom complainant and produced a certain "Atty. De Castro" to own up the complaint against Koruga.

They also would need some correction fluid and a new proofreader. Even the immigration charge sheet is defective, saying Koruga was arrested on "July 10, 2001," instead of Sept. 17, this Monday.

The strange obsession by the immigration bureau to drive the American out of the country—Koruga's two kids with the Aguirre heiress are also here, for they have a home in Malate, aside from the kids having attended pre-school in the Manila Polo Club—comes despite an American-Embassy assurance that Koruga has stayed on the straight and narrow ever since that 1983 offense.

To win even temporary liberty for her detained husband, wife Nanette and her Accra lawyers are, in a desperate move, contemplating filing a writ of habeas corpus against Domingo and the immigration apparatchiks.

If that habeas corpus case pushes through, a pro-Marcos law firm will accuse a former anti-Marcos activist with arbitrary detention, a spillover of a family feud whose very same bank chair not so long ago was fighting the arbitrary closure and martial law harassment of the family bank.

O tempora, o mores!

Static Sky

THE Lopez-controlled SkyCable has not yet merged with competitor Home Cable, but this early the giant combine is already exhibiting symptoms of a malevolent monopolist.

The Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, through president Rupero Nicdao Jr., has taken up the cudgels for UHF Channel 37 which, after having long been denied a slot in the SkyCable network, has now been grudgingly relegated to either Channel 97 or Channel 59 in the Lopez network.

The free UHF channel started broadcasting on April 28, 2000, but was only carried in SkyCable starting this Sept. 12 despite the must-carry provision mandated by the government that all free TV channels be allotted channels even by subscribers-only cable networks.

Mischievous observers attribute UHF Channel 37's hardships to it being a rock/music channel, competing with the Lopez's MTV offering. Viewers who have seen Channel 37 in SkyCable complain of both bad audio and poor video despite cable's supposedly superior signals over atmospheric transmission.

The irony of it all is that UHF Channel 37 is owned by Progressive Broadcasting Corp., whose president, Alfredo "Atom" Henares, was in Harvard at the same time that ABS-CBN/SkyCable boss "Gabby" Lopez was also sweating out an MBA course in the Cambridge campus.

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- LEGASPI Village will have its first Asian restaurant literally within walking distance of corporate executives. Wansui, on the ground floor of Aetna Building at the corner of Herrera and De la Rosa streets, will formally open today. The bar/restaurant is, incidentally, named after the Chinese word for cilantro.

Heard through the grapevine

FORMER Immigration Commissioner Homobono Adaza is now the new counsel of Banco Filipino chair Albert "Bobby" Aguirre in the multi-billion estate case that Aguirre's sister, Nanette, is contesting before Pasay City Regional Trial Court Judge Eleuterio Guerrero.

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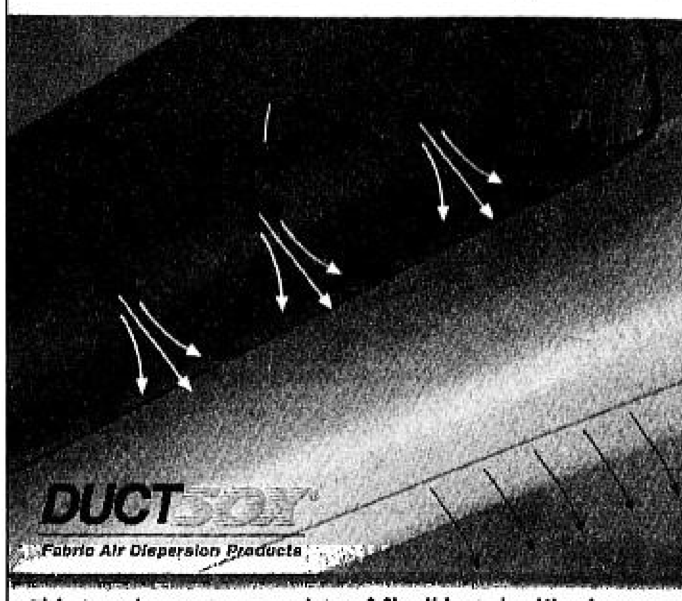

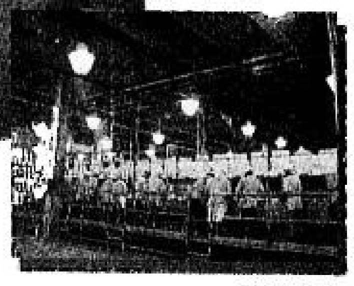
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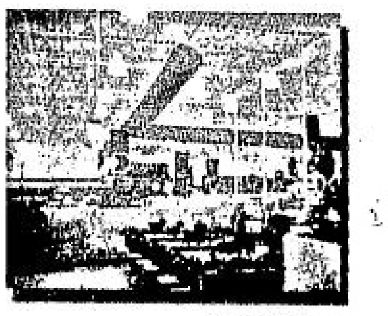
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Bangko Sentral keeps interest rates unchanged

By Clarissa S. Batino

BUCKING a trend set by the United States, European and most central banks in the region, the policy-making Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday kept overnight rates unchanged due to inflationary risks arising from foreign and local events.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said that local monetary authorities would rather wait for the inflation figure for September to determine whether the lower August inflation of 6.3 percent was sustainable.

"It is too soon to make a move," he said.

While the central banks of Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and Japan have cut their rates, the BSP had refused to ride the bandwagon since Tuesday, saying that the uncertain situation created by the terrorist attacks on the US called for a more cautious stance in monetary policy-making.

"The overriding consideration was the possible impact to inflation of concerns over a rising oil price and a possible wage hike. Inflation is still at risk," Buenaventura said.

Thus, the central bank's overnight borrowing and lending rates were kept at 9 percent and 11.25 percent days after the US Federal Reserve had cut short-term interest rates to 3 percent.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho supported the stand of the Monetary Board to keep the BSP's policy rates unchanged. "There is no urgency to do it because it is unwise to react to a market situation that is fluid," he said.

Economic Planning Secretary Dante Canlas said he believed that it was only a matter of time before the BSP would be prompted to reduce its rates.

"I am really just guessing but I think they will have to cut it soon. The only question is by how much," Canlas said.

Buenaventura said that local monetary authorities were very worried about local inflation. They felt that the uncertainties caused by the attack on the US might bring world oil prices up and even constrict supply.

What could also push inflation up from 6.3 percent in August was a possible increase in wages.

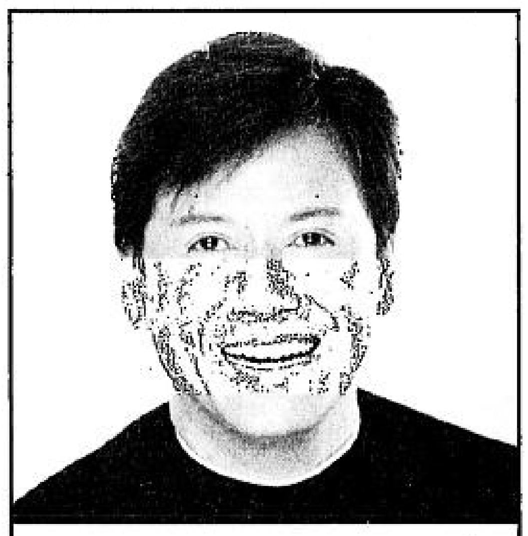
Buenaventura also pointed out that real interest rates remained at their lowest levels in recent years. Despite the low interest rates regime, he said loan growth had been anemic and economic activity was sluggish.

He maintained that the Monetary Board kept a strong bias to cut overnight rates.

"A rate cut is always up for discussion particularly since the US Fed will cut some more," said the central bank chief. The reduction in US interest rates was accelerated from the regular Fed meeting scheduled in the first week of October due to the terrorist attacks in the United States.

However, Buenaventura said there remained an excess liquidity in the local system as banks continued to bid aggressively for treasury bills and bonds. Fixed-income traders expect treasury bill yields to go up as a result of the central bank's decision to keep overnight rates unchanged.

The BSP decision may bring up the government's borrowing rates in next week's auction. Some traders already estimated an increase in treasury bill rates by about 30 basis points.



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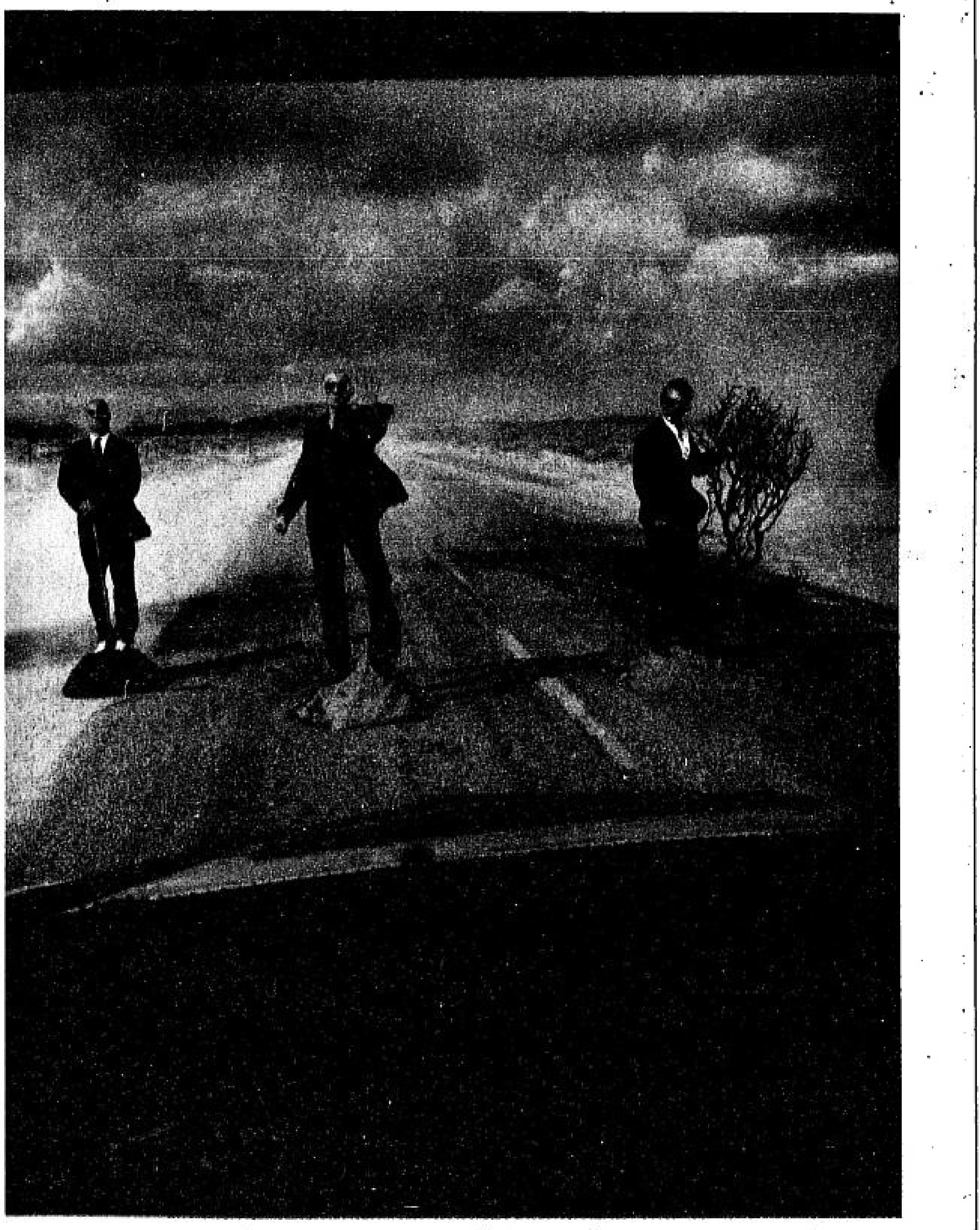

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Allengoal improves lease offer for NSC

By Elena R. Torrijos

ALLENGOAL Steel Fabrication and Trading has improved its lease offer for the facilities of shuttered National Steel Corp. in a bid to edge out other bidders.

The government is expected to receive today the proposed lease contract for NSC, which is hoped to pave the way for the resumption of the steel firm's operations.

In a letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Lilia Bautista, Allengoal said it was increasing its proposed monthly lease fee for the NSC facilities in Iligan City from P17.8 million to P20.5 million.

It also said it would share with NSC 40 percent of its net profits after taxes.

The only other lease offer for NSC was submitted by Cathay Pacific Steel Corp. The company offered to pay NSC P20 million monthly or 50 percent of its net profit, whichever was higher, for the use of the steel company's facilities.

Allengoal president Alexander Delmo warned that the plant should be re-opened as soon as possible lest its value will "exponentially deteriorate very soon."

Allengoal Steel was ready to mobilize its organization and resources within 48 hours from approval of the lease contract by the NSC board to reopen the NSC plant, he said.

"We are confident that we will get the confirmation of the NSC working board, considering that this is just an improvement on the lease proposal that NSC had already approved earlier," Delmo said in a statement.

Hottick Investment Ltd., the majority owner of NSC, recently gave the NSC board chief executive Ibrahim Bidin the authority to negotiate with Allengoal for the improvement of the lease terms and the implementation of the agreement at the soonest possible time. The original lease agreement between Allengoal and NSC was formally concluded in May 2000 but was not implemented due to the opposition of creditor-banks.

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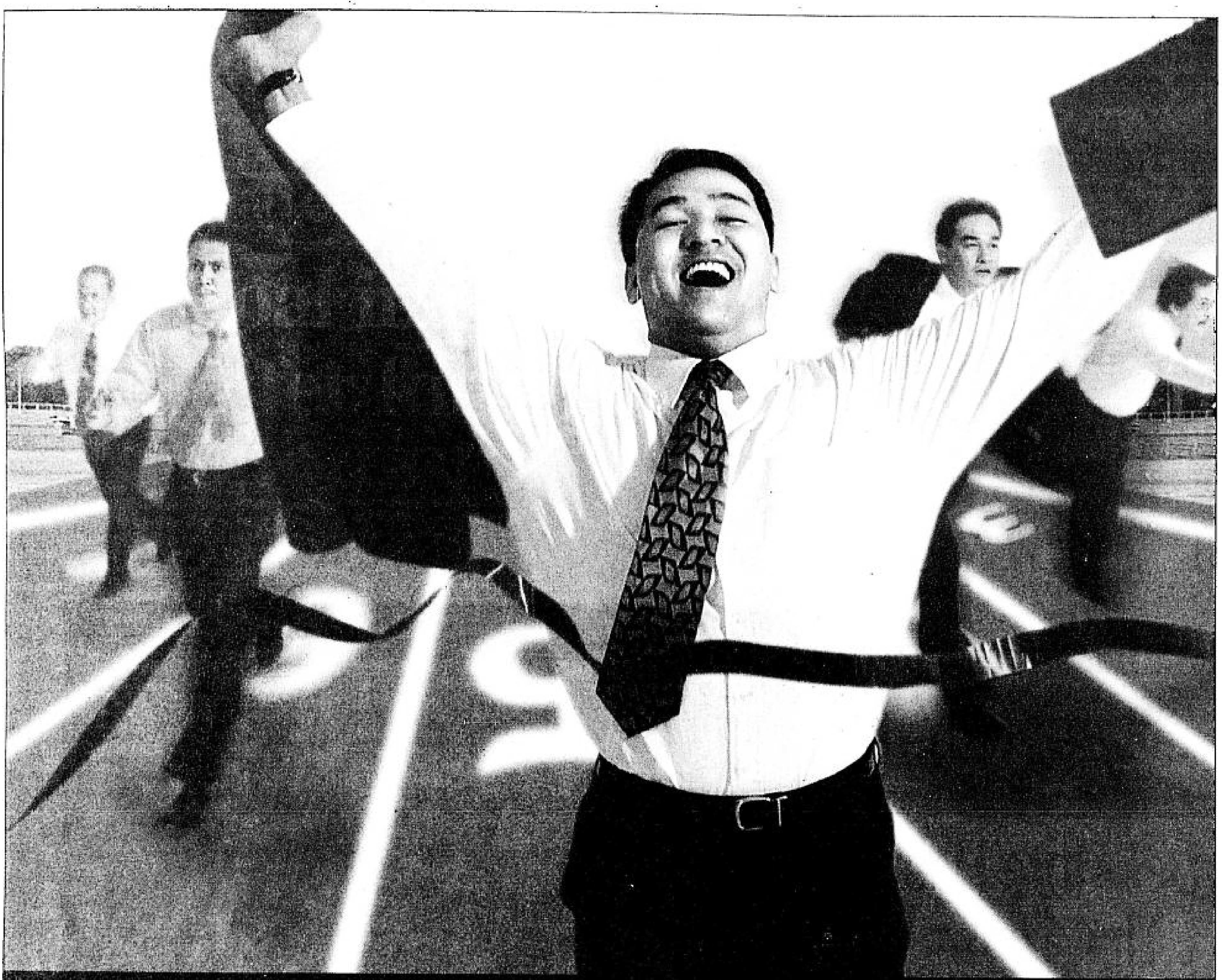
President Macapagal-Arroyo meets with key members of the Global Business Dialogue on e-Commerce and other participants to the GBDe annual meeting in Tokyo, Japan prior to her delivering the keynote address at the gala dinner recently. In her speech, the President plugged the Philippines as a partner for ICT ventures and suggested three areas where business could contribute to bridging the digital divide through sound commercial activities.



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SEC approves debt write-off of ASB group

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved the memorandum of agreement that would pave the way for the write off of P1.033 billion in debts owed by distressed ASB group to Allied Banking Corp.

Under the agreement, Allied Bank would write off the real estate developer's debts in exchange for various assets with a book value of P994.74 million.

Allied would also withdraw its claim over ASB's pieces of property that include 73 units of BSA Suites, 40 units of BSA Mansion, six units of Perla Mansion and a vacant lot at Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

The title to the sold units in BSA Suites, BSA Mansions and Perla Mansions would be delivered to the unit holders or buyer while the vacant lot at Pearl Drive would be assigned to a proposed asset pool to cover the claims of unsecured creditors.

A trustee bank and a project governing board would administer the pool, the proceeds of which would be used to finance the completion of ASB's unfinished projects and pay off the claims of unsecured creditors.

The approval of the MOA was endorsed by ASB group interim rehabilitation receiver, Fortunato Cruz.

The ASB group owes about P3.9 billion to over 700 individual creditors and over P5 billion to various creditor banks.

Allied was one of the biggest creditors, followed by the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., United Coconut Planters Bank, Equitable PCI Bank and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

Oil depot relocation to cost ₱1B

PETRON Corp. yesterday said the relocation of oil depot in Pandacan would cost the company P1 billion.

Petron corporate communications manager Virginia Ruivivar said the company was ready to work with the government in drafting a masterplan for the relocation of the Pandacan oil facilities amid rising concerns about the threat posed by the depot to public safety and security.

"The amount represents only the cost of transferring our depot. It does not include yet the cost of acquiring a new property," Ruivivar said.

She said it would take six months to one year to complete the masterplan.

She said moving the depot would take five to 10 years although Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr. earlier said the move would only require one to two years.

She maintained that the depot posed no immediate hazard to the public.

"Our records show that we have adequate safety and security precautions," she added.

Shell vice president Reynaldo Gamboa, for his part, said his company's commitment was to continuously enhance its capability to respond to threats and breach of security.

"We are willing to conduct jointly with the concerned government agencies an extensive review of the risks at Pandacan," Gamboa said in a news statement.

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Islacom's Touch Mobile

TOUCH Mobile, a new digital cellular prepaid phone brand, expects to make a big splash as it gears to become a major player in the local GSM market.

Touch Mobile is a service innovation of Isla Communications Co. (Islacom) supported by Globe Telecom.

While all of the four local GSM operators are fighting for leadership in the short messaging service (SMS) arena, Touch Mobile has taken a different tact by making use of a voice-guided technology.

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Banking event at Pen

THE LATEST banking technologies will be featured in the 21st Century Banking Solutions on Sept. 26 at the Rigodon Ballroom, Manila Peninsula Hotel, Makati City. The event will highlight the next generation large scale banking applications running on the Microsoft Windows 2000 platform. The event starts at 8:30 a.m.

Presented by Microsoft and Infoserve International Inc., the event features sessions on specific topics relevant to the banking industry such as "State-of-the-Art in Loans & Origination—from Credit Scoring and Beyond," "Efficient Loan Management and Administration," "The Next Generation on Online Deposits: Successfully Replacing your Legacy System," "Going Hi-tech in Bank Accounting," "From Web Banking to E-business" and "Trust Operation Automation: Present and Future." Compaq Philippines will supply all the hardware while Stratus distributed by Equicom will show its ftServer,

GSIS, the denial queen

LABOR MANAGEMENT FORUM

Josephus B. Jimenez

THE GSIS is now under attack for its fantastic retirement benefits while its poor members are denied of their claims for disability and death. We need to substantiate these by citing actual cases to show the truth. And we challenge the GSIS to deny these again.

Two volumes of law books entitled Justice Denied (Vol. I) and Justice Delayed (Vol. II) are being written by law students in a top university as co-authors with this writer as the main author. The thrust of the first volume is to expose to the Filipinos various cases where there are clear cases of miscarriage of justice. Majority of these cases are workmen's compensation claims denied by the GSIS and the ECC (Employees Compensation Commission). The GSIS is noted for its overwhelming number of denials. We'll treat the SSS separately.

Let the people know

The people should know the truth on how the GSIS deals with claims for disability, sickness, injuries and death arising out of and in the course of employment in government. Is the defect on the people running the GSIS or on the law and the systems within which the law is sought to be implemented? Thus, the book is also addressed to legislators.

This government has promised to protect workers and to assure them of humane conditions of work. The Labor Code (Article 166) declares that the state shall promote a tax-exempt compensation program whereby employees and their dependents may promptly secure adequate benefits in the event of work-connected disability or death. This promise has not been fulfilled.

Denying its own

R. Yosores (GR 97346, 23 Mar. 1992) retired in 1988 from the GSIS where he worked since 1963. The GSIS approved his retirement for total and permanent disability due to Parkinson Disease. His claim for benefit however was denied and he was merely given a consolation grant of nine months for PTB. The ECC affirmed the GSIS. The Supreme Court reversed both the GSIS and the ECC.

The high court said: "The court is unable to accept the sweeping statement in the ECC decision xxx. Yosores who spent the prime years of his life as a GSIS employee is entitled to the same beneficial consideration from the government." The GSIS' denial was thus nullified.

Denying teachers

In Belarmino vs ECC (GR 90204, 11 May 1990), the GSIS faulted the husband of a teacher who died of unintentional abortion for falling on the floor in the barrio school where she was teaching. The Supreme Court castigated the GSIS for its denial of the claim and the ECC for just swallowing whatever the GSIS says.

In Librea vs ECC (GR 58879, 14 Nov. 1991), the GSIS again denied a single cent of benefits to a widow of a teacher who died due to cirrhosis of the liver. The high court bluntly told the GSIS: "xxx findings of doctors and chief medical officer of the GSIS and ECC who are not experts are not binding on the Supreme Court. The court bewailed why the GSIS and the ECC did not appreciate the teacher who served public schools for more than 30 years.

In Nemaria vs ECC (GR 57889, 28 Oct. 1987), the GSIS denied the payment of the death benefit claims for a teacher from Ronda, Cebu who died due to cancer of the liver after teaching for 30 years. The court lectured the GSIS: "Where cause (of cancer) is unknown xxx no duty to prove xxx exists. For certainly, the law cannot demand an impossibility."

In Iscala vs Republic (GR 47414m, 11 Dec. 1987), the Supreme Court reversed the GSIS for denying benefits to the heirs of a teacher in Aklan who died of ulcer.

Denying soldiers

In GSIS vs CA (GR 115243, 01 Dec. 1995), a PC supply sergeant was infected with glaucoma after working from 1967 to 1989. The GSIS denied his claim. As usual, the ECC affirmed the GSIS. The ruling was reversed by the Court of Appeals. The GSIS questioned the Court of Appeals but the Supreme Court dismissed its appeal. Why is the appellate court more sympathetic to the employees rather than the offices mandated to afford labor this protection?

In Hinoguin vs ECC (GR 84307, 17 April 1989), the Supreme Court reversed the GSIS and the ECC, which denied the claims for the death benefits of a soldier who died while on a night pass to visit his family.

Denying janitors, clerks, guards

In Clemente vs GSIS (GR 47521, 31 July 1987), the GSIS denied the claim for death benefits of the widow of a janitor of the Department of Health who died of a kidney disease. The ECC affirmed. The Supreme Court reversed the two and dismissed their theory that the janitor was already sick when he was hired by the DOH.

In Cabajal vs GSIS (GR 46654, 9 Aug. 1988), a clerk in Eastern Samar died after an abortion that caused hemorrhage. The GSIS denied any benefit. The ECC affirmed. The Supreme Court reversed the twin denial queens. The court reminded the GSIS and the ECC to give "meaning and substance to the liberal and compassionate spirit of the law xxx which is in consonance with the avowed policy of the state to give maximum aid and protection to labor."

In Lazo vs ECC (GR 78617, 18 June 1990), the high court reversed the GSIS for denying the claims for disability benefits of a central bank security guard who was injured while on his way home from work.

Denying lawyers

In Diopenes vs GSIS (GR 96844, 23 Jan. 1992), a DBP branch attorney had a stroke in 1978 after he worked there since 1958. The GSIS required him to undergo three medical exams. Despite the medical reports, the GSIS denied the claim. The ECC, as usual, affirmed.

The Supreme Court reversed the ruling saying: "A humanitarian impulse, dictated by no less than the Constitution itself under the social justice policy, call for a liberal and sympathetic approach to the legitimate appeals of disabled public servant xxx compassion for them is not a doleout but a right."

Let the GSIS deny

Why does the GSIS keep on denying claims like these? Is it to save money for the multimillion-peso retirement of its officials? Or to make sure the favored taipans can borrow billions of pesos from its funds? Let GSIS deny these again. *(For comments, you can reach the writer at the following e-mail address: josephus.jimenez@pcppi.com.ph)*

BOI OKs Ford's $500-M Asean industrial project

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE BOARD of Investments has approved Ford Motor Co.'s $500-million production sharing scheme between its Philippine and Thailand subsidiaries after the American automotive giant gave it assurance that it would fully comply with the 40-percent regional content requirement for its production of Ford and Mazda vehicles.

The Asean Industrial Cooperation (Aico) scheme requires participants to ensure that at least 40 percent of their final output is made from components produced in Asean countries. The regional content requirement is necessary to prevent companies from the US, Japan, China and Europe from using Aico as a backdoor to dump their imports into Asean.

But while Ford has obtained the BOI's nod, it would not be able to push through with the project until it has secured the approval of the Thailand government, which was reluctant to back the project due to stiff opposition from local assemblers in Bangkok.

Ford is expected to enjoy tariff discounts on the two-way trade of vehicles between the Philippines and Thailand. Ford will pay only between zero and 5 percent on its products compared to the prevailing CBU duties of 20 percent and 15 percent in the Philippines and Thailand, respectively.

Ford, through Ford Motor Co. Philippines Inc., is planning to assemble the Escape and the Tribute sport utility vehicles and the Laser/Lynx/Mazda 323 sedans at its Sta. Rosa plant for export to Thailand.

In turn, Ford's Thailand subsidiary, Auto Alliance Co. Ltd. (where Ford has a 48-percent interest and Mazda Motors of Japan has 45 percent) will ship Ranger pickup trucks to the Philippines. Ford had planned to ship some of its Philippine output to Indonesia and bring in Volvo sedans from its Thai plant to the Philippines.

Based on its five-year plan, Ford is expected to ship $278.558 million worth of CBUs to Thailand while bringing in $272.332 million worth of CBUs and parts to the Philippines. The BOI said Ford's Philippine subsidiary would yield $126 million in net foreign exchange inflows.

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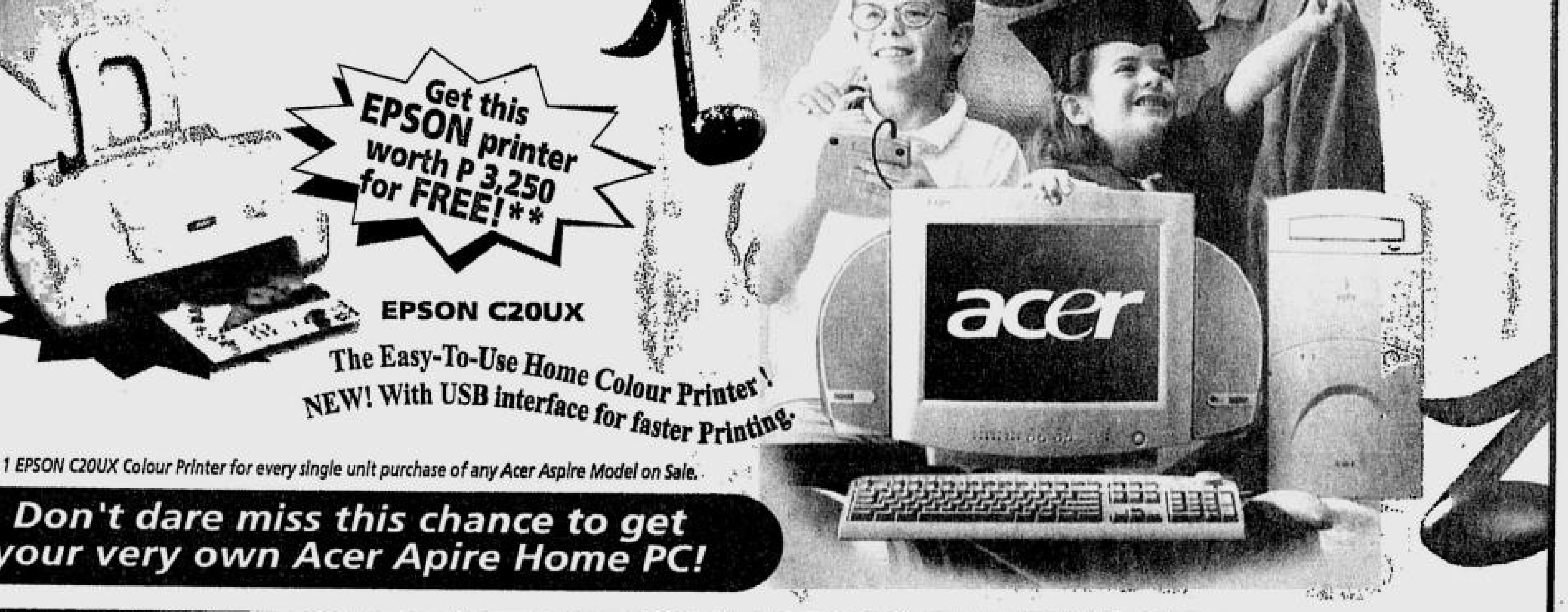

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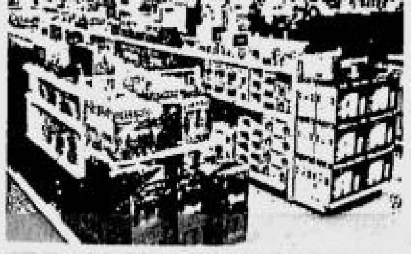

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ADB sees world growth falling to Asian crisis levels

MANILA—Global economic growth is likely to fall to levels close to those seen during the Asian crisis following the deadly terrorist attacks in the US, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) warned Thursday.

The destruction of the World Trade Center and part of the Pentagon by hijacked airliners last week would also help prolong Asia's downturn by at least half a year, with recovery now not expected until next year, the Manila-based bank said.

"It is now expected that the regional economic downturn will last longer than anticipated. Hence, growth will pick up in the first half of next year rather than later this year. Next year's rebound is also likely to be more subdued than anticipated," it said.

"The Sept. 11 attack on the US has added another element of uncertainty to an already weak global economy, although early assessments suggest that the economic costs could be manageable." It said world economic growth for 2001 "may turn out to be close to that posted in 1998 at the height of the Asian crisis."

Global growth slowed to 2.2 percent in 1998 from 4.2 percent in 1997.

The main difference is that "this year's slowdown has been triggered by the industrialized countries, as opposed to that of 1998, which was driven by the developing countries."

It cited a report by the London-based Consensus Economics, compiled before the terrorist attacks, which scaled down the 2001 average growth projection for East Asia to 4.4 percent compared with the 5.1 percent forecast in June.

"This will be East Asia's second lowest yearly growth in the last two decades, bettering only the 1.4-percent contraction the region suffered in 1998 at the height of the Asian crisis," ADB added. *AFP*

US Congress urged to restore confidence

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan urged congressional leaders Wednesday to focus on restoring American economic confidence but not to rush a stimulus plan that could have uncertain effects.

President George W. Bush, meanwhile, sought from the White House to assure Americans that the government will pay full attention to the shaky economy after last week's terrorist attacks.

"I'm going to work with Congress to send a clear message to America, American workers, American business people, that this government will respond to this emergency," the president told reporters before an Oval Office session with leaders from Capitol Hill.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey told reporters after a private meeting at the Capitol that Greenspan said lawmakers must determine how to "signal confidence to the American people, whether it be with respect to investment activity or consumption activity."

Republicans and Democrats have been discussing an economic stimulus package focused on tax cuts aimed at business and investing, particularly cuts in capital gains taxes.

But Greenspan said Congress should "get a better assessment of the overall impact" before moving forward with stimulus legislation, according to participants in the meeting. *AP*

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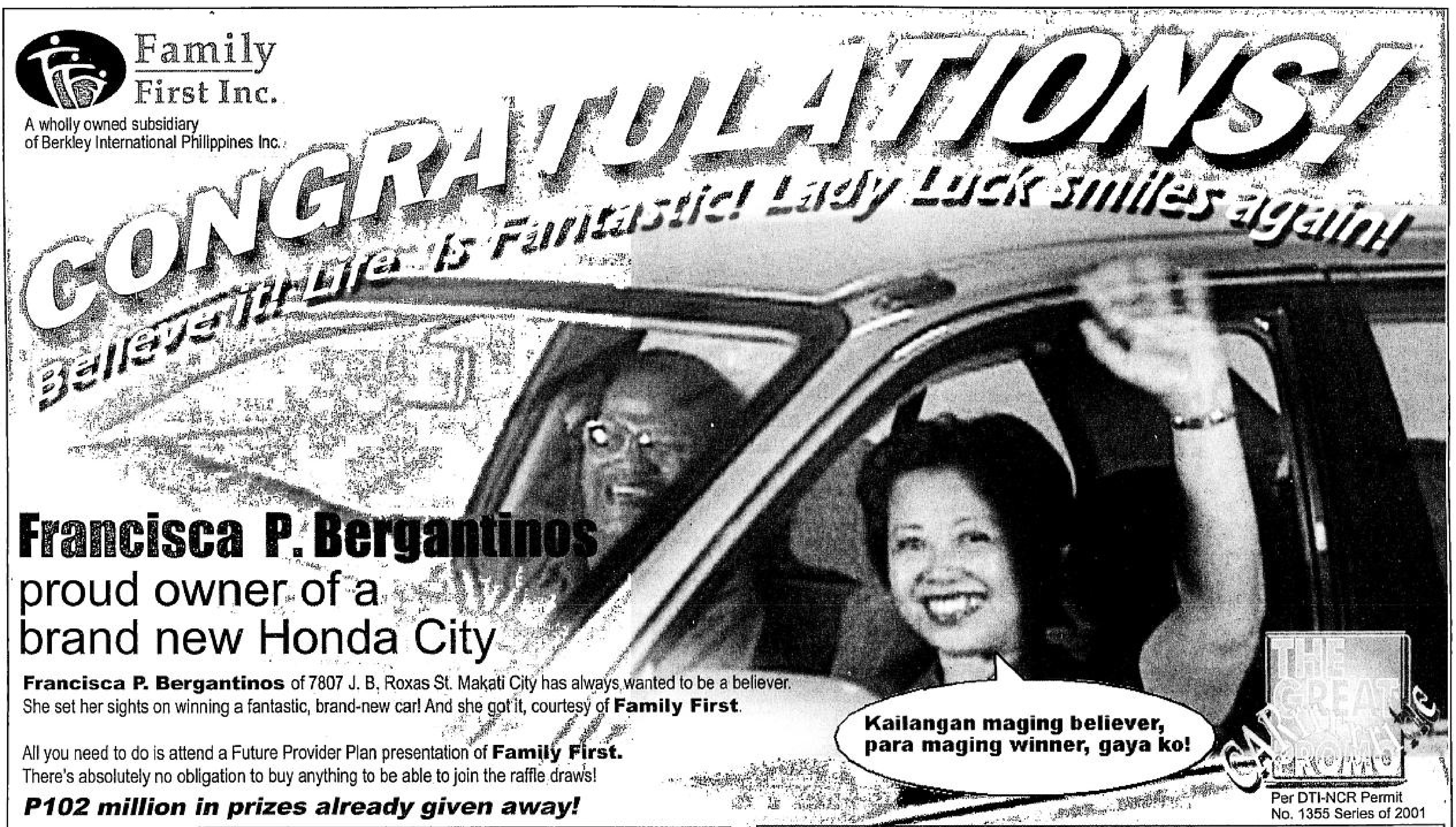
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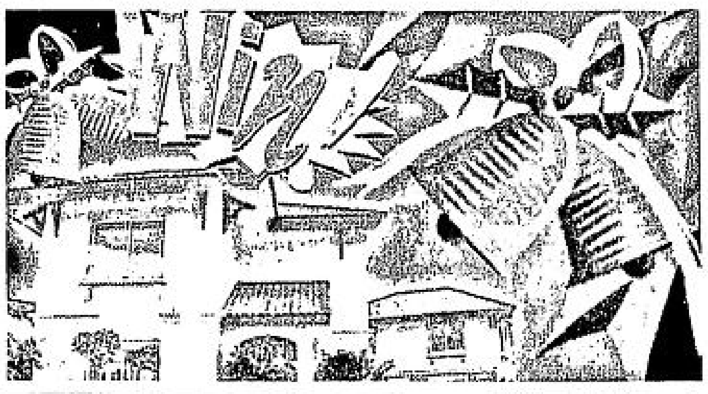

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ADB president Chino reelected

ASIAN Development Bank (ADB) president Tadao Chino of Japan was reelected Thursday for a new five-year term, the Philippines-based multilateral lender said.

The former Japanese finance vice minister succeeded his compatriot Mitsuo Sato in January 1999. Sato did not complete his full five-year term for health reasons.

Chino, 67, said he was gratified by the bank's board of governors' trust and pledged to "maximize ADB's contribution to freeing the Asia and Pacific region of poverty," an ADB statement said.

The bank said that under Chino's leadership, the ADB evolved a poverty reduction strategy that became its overarching goal.

It also adopted a strategy of strengthening the role of the private sector as an engine for growth of the region and set out on a "long-term strategic framework" for implementing a poverty reduction program until 2015.

Prior to joining the ADB, Chino was chair of the board of counselors of Nomura Research Institute Ltd.

AFP

Asian markets show early losses

HONG KONG—Stocks plunged across the Asia-Pacific region on Thursday, following Wall Street's latest losses as traders anxiously watched developments in the terrorism crisis gripping the world.

On the huge Tokyo exchange, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average was trading down 168.06 points, or 1.7 percent, at 9,771.54 in the afternoon. The Nikkei managed to bounce off its early lows, but sentiment remained weak.

Hong Kong shares were down by 2.2 percent at midday.

"You can basically close the book and go somewhere to hide for the next few months," said Song Seng Wun, regional economist for GK Goh Research in Singapore. "I can't really see any good news on the horizon in the near term."

Traders were being forced to raise cash to cover losses in stocks bought with borrowed money "and it's also an emotion thing at the moment as well," said Johnson Taylor at the brokerage John Reynolds in Australia, where the blue chips were off by 1.9 percent in the late afternoon.

"It's going to take weeks for any form of normality to come back to the market," Taylor said.

In New York's third trading day since hijacked jetliners were flown by suicide pilots into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 144 points, or 1.6 percent of its value, on Wednesday.

AP

WTC property losses could reach $10B

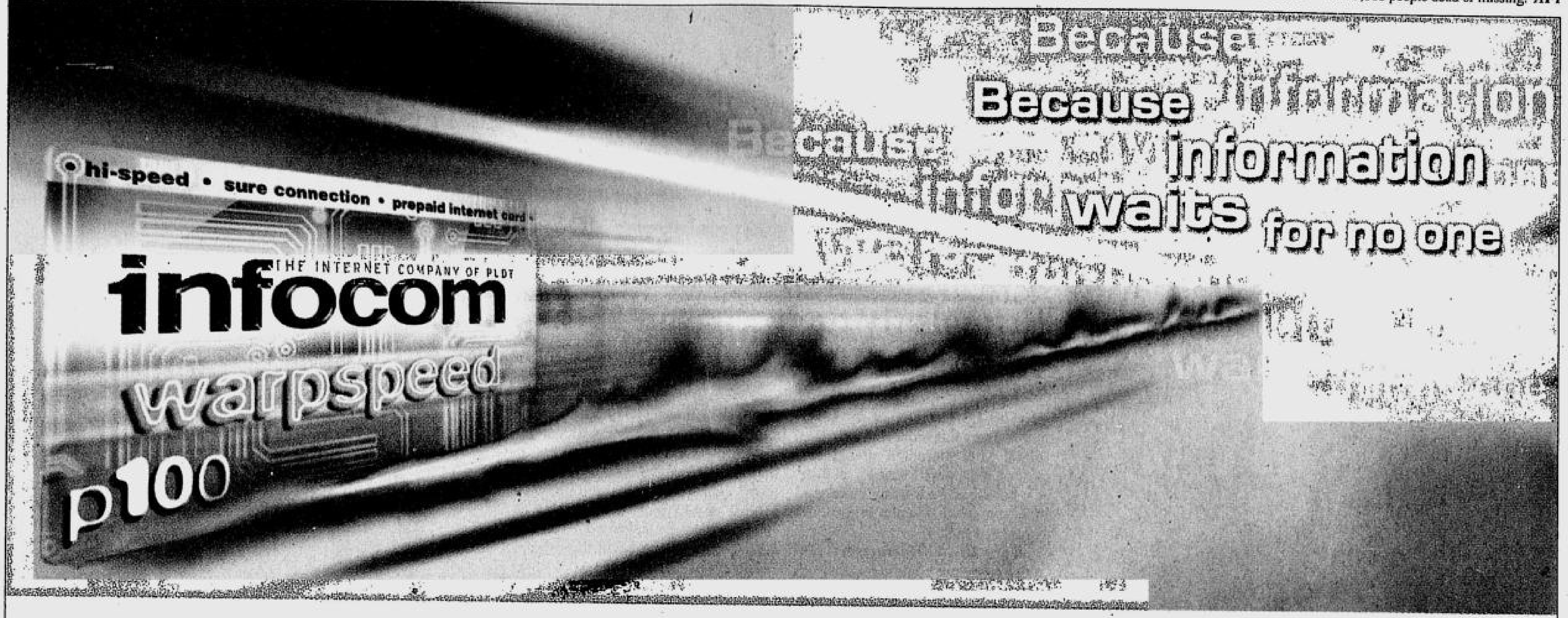
SINGAPORE—Property losses from the World Trade Center (WTC) terrorist attack could reach $10 billion, international real estate services and management firm Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) said Thursday.

In a press statement, JLL said the estimate covered damage to surrounding buildings, with the total immediate loss of space estimated at 15 million square feet (1.35 million square meters) in lower Manhattan.

Of this, about 12.7 million square feet of space was destroyed and another 2.3 million square feet damaged or declared structurally unsound as a result of fires, falling debris and building collapses.

Another 10.7 million square feet of property in the area sustained some damage and will require repairs, it said.

The WTC was totally destroyed when two hijacked commercial jetliners were crashed by suspected Arab terrorist into its twin towers on Sept. 11, leaving more than 5,000 people dead or missing. *AFP*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WG&A launches 'E-brand'

IN A BID to position itself as an "employer of choice" not only in the Philippines but also in Asia, WG&A Philippines – the country's largest shipping company – has launched "employment brand" or "E-brand" at the Pearl Manila Hotel in Manila.

According to WG&A Phils. chief resource officer Ava Engel, the company's "E-brand" seeks to develop and hone its employees' skills and abilities and utilize it to create an environment of learning, purposive training and active competency among its 750-strong workforce.

Through "E-brand," WG&A is bent on improving the skills of its workers and supporting them with the appropriate training and facilities to achieve a work competency which is at par with present world standards in shipping and cargo-handling.

"You have to make sure that you uplift your potentials, give your employees the skills to survive in the new millennium, because the new millennium is skills-driven," Engel said.

Engel added that WG&A is willing to teach its employees on how to improve their craft with the help of professionals and experts.

She believes the "E-brand" project is a good opportunity for WG&A managers and their subordinates to learn various disciplines which they can use in crucial problem-solving situations. "The only way for employees to put into practice and, at the same time, experience these multi-disciplinary problem-solving approaches is through a lot of interaction and working together.''

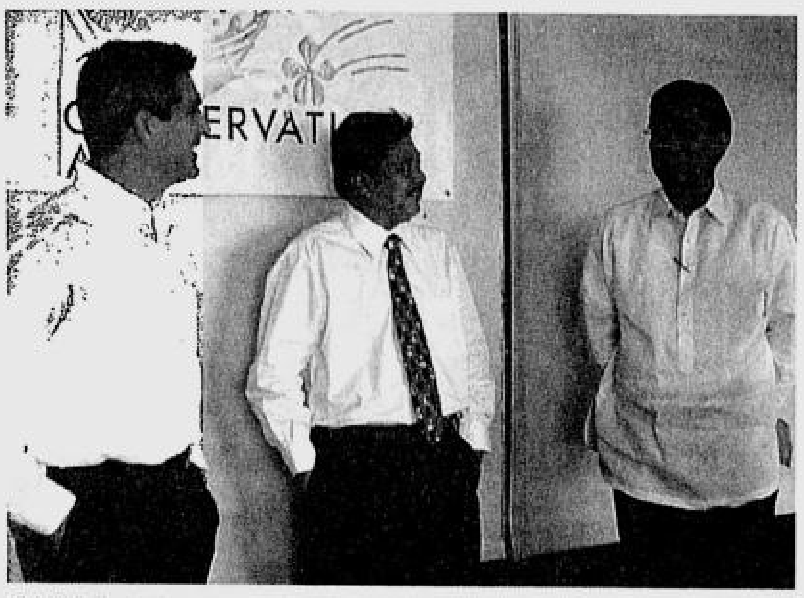
Overall, the company's brand promise POAL—potential, opportunities, atmosphere and leadership—is a collaboration between its human resources department and WG&A's various divisions.

Set to be conducted on a regular basis, WG&A's "E-brand" will be communicated in all aspects of the company and serve as a meterstick to calculate its competency level in terms of achieving its goal as a company.

WG&A Philippines is the largest shipping company in the country, serving 22 ports of call across the nation. It is the first and, so far, the only domestic shipping liner to have its entire fleet certified according to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code standard.

YOUNG EXPLORERS IN TUBA

IBM gives to Barangay Camp 3 day care center of Philex Mining, Tubà, Benguet, the Young Explorer fun and learning center which consists of an IBM PC in child-friendly furniture by Little Tikes, award-winning educational software by Edmark, and training in early childhood education by EduQuest. The program has trained more than 100 teachers in integrating technology in classroom instruction and benefited 20 schools throughout the country. At the recent turnover were (fron row, from left) Tuba, Benguet Mayor Jose Baluda, barangay captain of Camp 3 Philex Mining Ignacio Rivera, IBM communications manager Richard P. Burgos, and product specialist IBM Phils. Adrian Abrogena.



GLOBE, WWF CONSERVATION ALLIES

WWF-Phils vice chair Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala (left) and VP Antonio Lazaro discuss WWF's environmental programs with Globe Telecom CEO and President Gerardo Ablaza, Jr. (right). Globe joins WWF as a conservation ally, committing P1 million for three years to support WWF. Other conservation allies of WWF are Nokia, ICTSI, Megaworld Corp. and Ericsson.

Schools fly their flags in 25th National Milo Marathon

IN CELEBRATION of its silver anniversary milestone, the 25th National Milo Marathon strengthens its partnership with schools all over the country by attracting more student runners to a better, bigger and younger event.

The Milo Marathon is the country's most popular running competition. It promotes running as an inexpensive, accessible sport. It also aims to help develop active, sports-oriented citizens, and inculcate good values inherent in sports, especially among the young.

Every year, the Milo Marathon draws thousands of participants of all ages to join the 3-km kiddie run, 5-km fun run, 10-km race and the 42-km full marathon.

Some 6,000 runners, many of them students, joined the Metro Manila kick-off race at the PICC grounds recently. The race saw a record turnout of students and school teams.

Among the schools in the Metro Manila elimination were Benedictine Abbey, General T. De Leon High School, Hope Christian School, Letran University, Pamantasan ng Makati, Sisters of Mary, St. Francis, University of Perpetual Help Rizal, University of the Philippines-Los Baños and University of Sto. Tomas.

To encourage student participation in the Milo Marathon, events include the interschool running team competition and the biggest school delegation contest. The champion of the interschool running team competition in the 5-K category in Metro Manila was Pamantasan ng Makati. Sisters of Mary bagged second place.

Pamantasan ng Makati joined the marathon with some 1,800 participants, making it the winner of the biggest school delegation contest. Winning schools were awarded cash prizes and various sports items from Adidas, the official outfitter of the 25th Milo Marathon.

As the country's most-awaited running event, Milo Marathon is recognized by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Philippine Olympics Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission.

After the successful Metro Manila and Davao eliminations, the 25th Milo Marathon moves to nine more cities: Tacloban, Olongapo, Bacolod, Tuguegarao, General Santos, Batangas, Cagayan de Oro, Baguio and Cebu. The grand championship will be held in Metro Manila in December.

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UNCLE SAM, LADY LIBERTY POSE FOR HERSHEY'S

Hershey's, America's favorite chocolate brand and maker of the well-loved Kisses and Cookies n' Crème, celebrated the 4th of July with Balikbayans and visiting tourists at Duty Free Fiesta Mall. Customers were treated by Hershey's, together with Island Photo, the one stop-photo shop, a chance to have their photos taken for free with Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty, for every Hershey's 'pasalubong' bags purchased. Shown are customers posing for a souvenir shot with Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty. The on-the-spot photos were taken with a high-quality Kodak digital camera and color printer.

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Shell is SuperBrand awardee

SHELL is a Platinum and Gold Superbrand awardee in the gas station category as voted by readers of Reader's Digest in Asia. The distinction was based on a SuperBrands survey conducted by Reader's Digest, the most widely read magazine in Asia.

Shell received the Platinum award for the whole of Asia, rating three times higher than its closest named competitor, and the SuperBrand Gold award for the Philippines. Recently, Reader's Digest presented Pilipinas Shell with a plaque for these awards.

The SuperBrand awards show that consumers strongly believe that they get their money's worth when they avail of Shell products and services. The awards reinforce Shell's brand leadership for being the top-of-the-mind choice among respondents.

The survey results highlighted consumers' recognition of Shell brand appeal in terms of quality, value, strong image, trustworthiness, and understanding of customer needs. Pilipinas Shell vice president for corporate affairs Reynaldo Gamboa said that "it is Shell's commitment to always give consumers value-laden products and services, and we are happy to note that our customers recognize this.''

The survey was conducted in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines to identify which brands appeal most to a representative cross-section of Asian society.

TOAST TO WG&A AS PARTY VENUE

WG&A SuperCommerce chief operating officer Wilmer Alfonso (center) leads other WG&A officials in a toast to celebrate the opening of WG&A SuperFerry as an alternative venue for special gatherings like parties, weddings, conventions and other functions. The SuperFerry offers all the comfort and convenience that hotels and convention centers offer. Each SuperFerry is manned by a highly qualified chef and food and beverage staff. No less than President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has called the SuperFerry 'a hotel pretending to be a ship.' SuperCommerce is the F&B operating company of WG&A. It was awarded an ISO 9001 certification as a testimony to its total quality in food and services. Also shown is WG&A corporate communications manager Gina Virtusio (third from left).

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VIRUS-FREE INTERNET

Recently, DigitelOne, the data communications arm of Digitel, signed a memorandum of agreement with one of the world's top provider of anti-virus software, Trend Micro. The agreements calls for a free bundled anti-virus software with every subscription of DigitelOne's NetVantage Internet service. The anti-virus software, InterScan VirusWall from Trend Micro, offers a full-featured suite of anti-virus applications to protect your mail server from all existing and future viruses. Seated (from left) are Patrick Palacios, vice president for corporate solutions division, DigitelOne; Brian Go, managing director, DigitelOne; Jeffrey Sy, managing director, Trend Micro; Lee Laguilles, channel sales manager, Trend Micro. Standing (from left) are Mike De Castro, business development manager, corporate solutions division, DigitelOne; Glenda Tanlimco, assistant product manager, corporate solutions division, DigitelOne; Gina Africa, marketing manager, Trend Micro; and Danny Rostrata, sales manager, corporate solutions divisions, DigitelOne.

Microwarehouse joins Expo

MICROWAREHOUSE, a leading distributor of networking and mobile computing solutions in the country, took part in the recent Philippine Internet Expo held at the Ayala Activity Center.

With wireless broadband pioneer Meridian Telekoms providing Internet connection, the Microwarehouse booth also showcased the exciting features of the Palm m100 to Cebuano IT buffs.

During the expo conference at Marriot Hotel, Microwarehouse business development manager Elbert Cuenca delivered a presentation on the features and benefits of the latest models of Palm Pilot.

Microwarehouse Inc. is a primary provider of leading edge data networking products. Microwarehouse has built a network of over 600 dealers nationwide.

SALES PLANNING WORKSHOP

Consolidated Plans Inc., a leading billion-peso pre-need plan company engaged in the selling of memorial educational and pension plans, took time out with its core sales managers to plan and work out sales strategies for the fiscal year 2001-2002 in a two-day sales planning workshop held recently at the MetroClub of Makati. The workshop was conducted by the AFV Consulting Group International headed by its managing director and chief trainer Antonio Ma. F. Villena. Shown are the participants of the workshop (seated, from left) Gessie Axalan, Mercy Amanse, Maschelle S. Du, Naty R. Esquillo, Shirley Munoz, Siony S. delos Santos and Mely Pecson. Standing (from left) are Rolan Labrador, vice president for marketing; Becky V. Labrador, Beth U. Ramos, Cherie R. Merluza, Carol D. Santos, lawyer Alex S. Gonzales, CPI president and CEO; Natalia T. Casibang, CPI treasurer; Remy M. Francisco, Menchie G. Cedo, Violy S. Cruzal, Tony Caraig, Flor Aure and Tony Villena.

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(PDI-Sept. 14, 21 & 28, 2001)

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Interment will be on Sunday, September 23, 2001 at Our Lady of Peace, Antipolo, Rizal

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Peacefully joined our Creator on September 17, 2001
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His loving wife Rosario; and children Chito & Becky, Cely & Bob, Tony & Nena, Connie & Jess, Ruby, Marites, and Bobby & Menchie; grandchildren Karen & Brian, Desiree & Ingrid, Philip James & Ashley Grace; siblings Nenita, Elisa, Augusto (†), Amanda, Manuel (†) & Liberato; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at Brgy. Hills Subdivision, Sumulong Highway, Antipolo City, Rizal and will be transferred on Monday, September 24, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. to St. Ignatius Chapel, Camp Aguinaldo.

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17 September 2001.

(Sgd.) **MAMASAPUNOD M. AGUAM**
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(Sgd.) CHITA O. ANGELES
Director
Legal Department

(PDI – Sept. 21, 2001)

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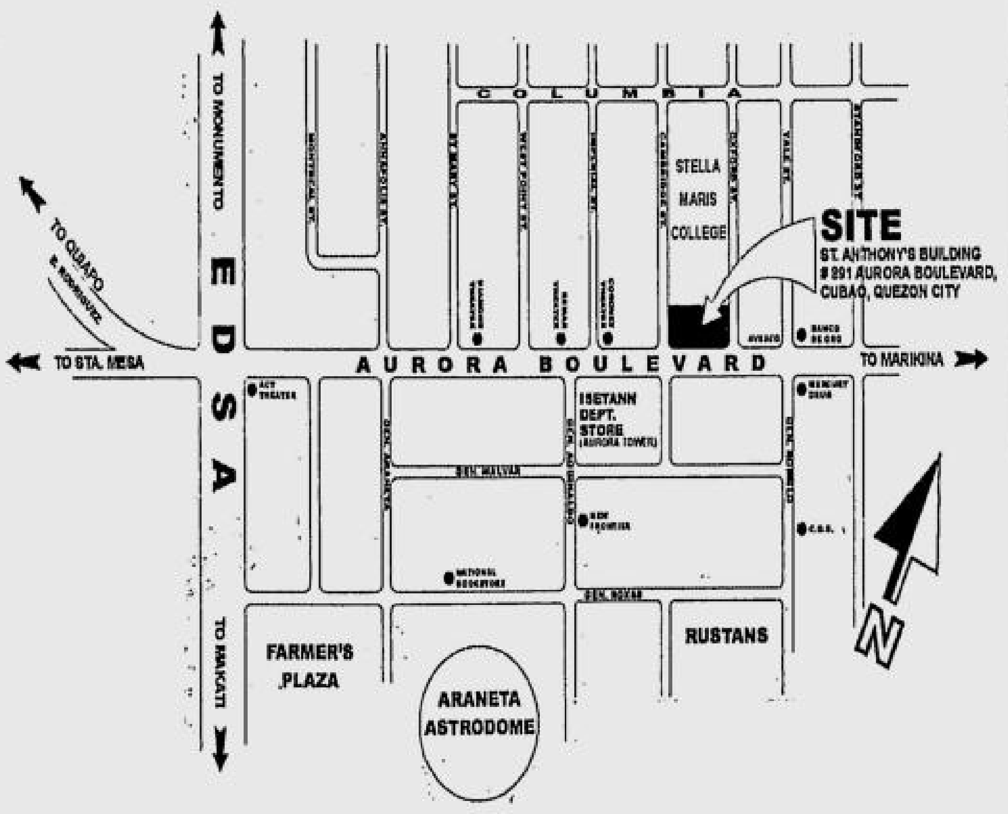

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ANTONIO DE LAS ALAS, JR.

Died in the Grace of our Lord on September 20, 2001
at the age of 79.

His bereaved family

wife:	**TERESITA GOCOLAY DE LAS ALAS**
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Mother-in-law, brothers and sisters-in-law and other relatives request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Sanctuario de San Jose, Greenhills, Mandaluyong.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sanctuario de San Jose.

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of Boac, Marinduque and Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

joined his Creator on August 31, 2001
at the age of 81.

His wife Marta; children & in-laws Mel & Genny, Nanding & Luz, Tess & Ed, Elan & Agnes; grandchildren and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

The gathering of friends and relatives will be arranged on Saturday, September 22, 2001 at Hong Kong Funeral Home, Kings Road, Quarry Bay at 8:00 p.m.

Cremation will be on Sunday, September 23, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. at Cape Collinson Crematorium, Hong Kong.

Gabriel Rene Cayetano Sebastian

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Gabriel was born with a rare chromosomal disorder called Trisomy 13.
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But quietly and peacefully, the Lord took him on September 19, 2001.

His family, parents **Butch Sebastian** and **Pia Cayetano**; sisters **Maxine** and **Nadine**; grandparents **Senator Renato** and **Sandra Cayetano**, and **Celia Sebastian** would have wanted to spend a whole lifetime with him but realize that **Gabriel** was not meant for this world.

To honor his life, his parents will set up a foundation in his name to help sick babies. It is their hope that through Gabriel's life, others may live. They request that, in lieu of flowers and Mass cards, donations be made to Gabriel's foundation.

There will be memorial services at the family residence at 209 Paso Street, Bagumbayan, Taguig on September 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

Gov't cancels investor briefings in US, London

By Clarissa S. Batino

UNCERTAINTIES in global markets have prompted the economic team of the Macapagal administration to cancel a planned no-deal roadshow in New York, Boston and London scheduled in the first two weeks of October.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho will meet today with the roadshow's lead arrangers, JP Morgan Chase and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, to discuss the fate of the investors' briefing thwarted by last week's bombing of major landmarks in the United States.

"It is unlikely that we will push through with the plan because foreign investors, our audience in these briefings, are still distracted by what had happened," Camacho said.

The roadshow, considered the third leg of a series of investors' briefing starting from Manila and Tokyo, was timed to coincide with the joint annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank scheduled in the first week of October.

Camacho said that since the IMF-World Bank meeting was already canceled, the timing for a no-deal roadshow was no longer right.

"We are likely to cancel it because the IMF and World Bank meeting was already postponed," said Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura.

New York investors are still distraught following last week's terrorist attacks that toppled the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The US military headquarters, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., was also bombed.

Camacho said the investors' briefing being arranged by JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley were meant to update foreign investors and creditors with positive developments in the Philippine economy.

Among the major achievements to be shared with foreign investors included the ability of the Macapagal administration to keep the budget deficit within target, the better-than-expected economic growth numbers in the first half and the lower-than-estimated inflation rate in August.

The finance chief said the national government, given global uncertainties, would still try to accelerate its borrowings, specially in markets like Japan that offer favorable rates.

"We have to diversify our markets. We want to pursue a financing program that are credit-enhanced. For instance, the guarantee offered by Nippon Export and Investment insulates us from volatility in our planned borrowing in Japan," Camacho said.

The finance secretary said the government was planning to issue as much as $500 million in long-term sovereign bonds in the Japanese market to help finance next year's estimated budget deficit of P130 billion.

Next year, the government needs to raise P111.8 billion to cover the deficit as compared with this year's financing requirement of P173.8 billion.

"We are studying the possibility of doing a samurai or a shibusai bond issue possibly before the year ends. But the proceeds would be used for next year," said the finance chief said.

Camacho estimated that the proposed borrowing from the Japanese market would range from $300 million to $500 million. A samurai is a public bond issue while a shibusai is a private placement.

He said the Department of Finance has received proposals from Fuji Bank, Nomura Securities, Daiwa Securities and Salomon Brothers to underwrite the upcoming borrowing.

"The conditions are now ripe for us to borrow. The spreads on emerging markets have tightened," the finance secretary said earlier.

CURRENCIES

Sept. 20, 2001

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.078051	1.000000	51.3930
Japan	Yen	0.009169	0.008505	0.4371
United Kingdom	Pound	1.583441	1.468800	75.4860
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.138389	0.128370	6.5973
Switzerland	Franc	0.676275	0.627313	32.2395
Canada	Dollar	0.687138	0.637389	32.7573
Singapore	Dollar	0.619499	0.574647	29.5328
Australia	Dollar	0.531060	0.492611	25.3168
Bahrain	Dinar	2.859704	2.652661	136.3282
Kuwait	Dinar	N/A	N/A	N/A
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.287481	0.266667	13.7048
Brunei	Dollar	0.617723	0.573000	29.4482
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000112	0.000104	0.0053
Thailand	Baht	0.024434	0.022665	1.1648
UAE	Dirham	0.293587	0.272331	13.9959
Korea	Won	0.000838	0.000777	0.0399
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.927600	47.6721
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.474274	24.3744
France	Franc	0.152450	0.141412	7.2676
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453781	0.420927	21.6327
Austria	Schilling	0.072672	0.067411	3.4645
Belgium	Franc	0.024790	0.022995	1.1818
Italy	Lire	0.000516	0.000479	0.0246
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.156011	8.0179
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.004627	0.2378
Spain	Peseta	0.006010	0.005575	0.2865
Luxemburg	Franc	0.024790	0.022995	1.1818
Ireland	Punt	1.269738	1.177809	60.5311

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	1,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	53	53	52.5	53	577,400
Equitable Pci Bank Inc.	26.5	26.5	26	26	151,900
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	207	208	205	208	33,000
Philippine National Bank	51.5	51.5	51	51	359,800
Phil. Savings Bank	28.5	28.5	28	28.5	3,900
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Manulife Financial Corp.	1180	1180	1170	1170	1,840
Sun Life Financial Serv.	970	970	960	960	2,090
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	28	28	25	25	39,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.36	0.36	3,790,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	630	635	630	635	1,300
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	330,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	187,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	60,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	485	490	485	485	98,120
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.024	0.025	22,800,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	29	29	28.5	28.5	400
Manila Electric Co. B	39	39.5	38.5	39	929,400
Petron Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.38	1.38	1,508,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	330,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	711,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	10,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	100,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	40,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.75	12.75	12.5	12.5	52,000
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	24	24.5	24	24.5	13,400
Pancake House Inc.	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	540,000
RFM Corp.	2.16	2.16	2.14	2.14	525,000
San Miguel Corp. A	38	38.5	37.5	38.5	55,700
San Miguel Corp. B	49.5	49.5	49	49.5	5,200
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	897,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	29,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.72	0.75	0.7	0.75	310,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	16,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	100,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.2	1.22	1.2	1.22	3,710,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.1	0.12	0.1	0.12	250,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	50,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	26	27	26	26.5	55,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.11	0.11	0.1	0.1	4,630,000
Guoco Holdings (Phils.)	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	10,000
Ionics Inc.	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	50,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	1,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	5,900,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.62	0.64	0.62	0.64	90,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.3	640,000
Music Corp.	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	340,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18	120,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. B	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	10,000
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	65,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	50,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.085	0.0875	0.085	0.0875	6,200,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.76	430,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	10.5	10.75	10.5	10.75	25,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	30,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	1,000,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	270,000
Manila Jockey Club	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	10,000
Philippine Racing Club	5	5	5	5	4,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	27	27	25	25	124,500
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10	10	10	10	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10	10	10	10	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10	10	10	10	1,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	1,000
Philweb.Com Inc. -Warrants	0.007	0.007	0.0065	0.007	35,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.45	4.5	4.45	4.5	2,777,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.185	900,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	400,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.23	0.24	0.23	0.24	670,000
SM Development Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6	6	6	6	5,400,000
Urbancorp Realty Dev. Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	40,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.004	0.004	0.0038	0.0038	18,000,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	13,000,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.031	0.031	0.03	0.03	3,300,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.175	0.175	0.17	0.17	1,450,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	6,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0028	0.003	0.0028	0.003	60,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.34	1,730,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	5,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	10,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	1,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	50,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Comm'l & Ind'l	108,529,920	116,671,280.00
Banks & Fin Svc	1,130,930	63,913,840.00
PRO	10,287,000	45,404,350.00
Mining	103,480,000	1,268,350.00
OIL	16,050,000	81,700.00
GRAND TOTALS :	239,477,850	227,339,520.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	486.10	DOWN 2.52
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,653.72	DOWN 18.21
PRO	472.74	UP 2.03
Mining	1,167.30	DOWN 11.76
OIL	1.36	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	660.94	DOWN 10.22
Composite	1,177.43	DOWN 9.62

NO. OF ADVANCES: 11; NO. OF DECLINES: 35; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 37; NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 83; NO. OF TRADES: 1,254

DISCLOSURES

PHILIPPINE Realty & Holdings Corp. announced the resignation of Oliva Pedere as corporate secretary. Elected to replace him was Ma. Sharon Ramos-Penaflorida.

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MEGAWORLD Corp. confirmed it made offers to **Caltex Philippines Inc., Petron Corp.** and **Shell Philippines** for the development of the property to be vacated by oil depots in Pandacan, Manila.

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PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. announced the withdrawal of its cash tender offers to purchase any and all of its outstanding 8.5-percent notes due 2003 and 10.625-percent notes due 2004 because of current market conditions in the United States after the terrorist attacks.

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APPOINTED acting corporate secretary of **Victorias Milling Co. Inc.** was Nilo Flor Cruz while Grace Cassandra Alfafara was appointed assistant to the secretary of the company's management committee.

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MUSIC Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Oct. 5, 2 p.m. at the Renaissance Room of New World Hotel, Makati City. Only stockholders as of Sept. 12 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

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BANK of the Philippine Islands disclosed that its board of directors has approved the merger of its two non-life insurance subsidiaries, **FGU Insurance Corp.** and **FEB Mitsui Marine Insurance Co.**

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PHILIPPINE Estates Corp. announced the resignation of Tomas Tuason IV as corporate secretary of the company and elected Joaquin Obieta as his replacement.

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FORTUNE Cement Corp. announced the resignation of Peter Hoddinott as director and chair, John Reinier Dizon as director and Mary Margaret San Pedro as treasurer. Elected were Renato Sunico as chair, Romeo Versula as treasurer and Maria Angeles as assistant corporate secretary. *Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research*

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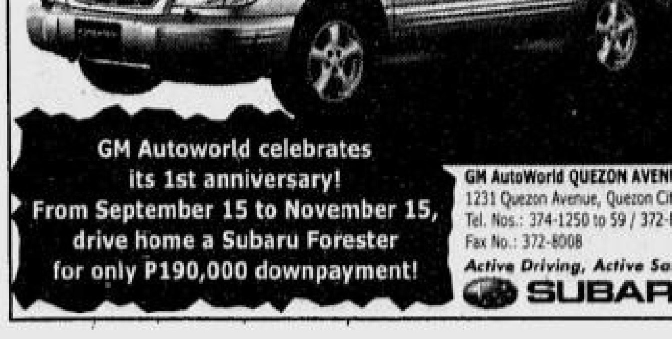

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BUSINESS*Friday*

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Inasal in Singapore, bulalo in HK?

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

WELL-MEANING Filipino friends of foreigners who come to the Philippines make sure that they never leave for home without tasting Filipino specialties. There is the chicken inasal from Bacolod, bulalo from Batangas, sisig from Pampanga and La Paz Batchoy from Iloilo.

Even Filipinos who don't get the chance to go out of Metro Manila wonder how they can get these regional specialties at the same quality within the confines of the city.

This potentially big market of Filipinos and foreigners gave rise to the plan of the Philippine Franchise Association to work towards bringing these regional specialties out of the countryside and into the mainstream market.

"Our plans for the development of small scale industries involve putting up incubation centers to introduce regional food franchise concepts into the mainstream food courts in the National Capital Region," PFA president Samie Lim explains.

In line with this plan, Lim discloses that Francorp Philippines, the local subsidiary of US-based franchising consultant Francorp, is exploring the possibility of putting up a fund to finance the development of these home grown regional franchise concepts.

"We want to provide capital to those people or companies with a good concept and system but may not have enough funds to put up the infrastructure or to expand," Lim tells Business Friday in an interview.

The fund will be handled by a new company to be called Francorp Capital and will have seed money of P100 million.

The idea, he says, was to develop the franchise package of at least two companies a month.

Some of the ideas being developed include the franchising of Pancit ng Malabon, Goto King, Flavored Rice Meals, Chicken Bacolod and Ilonggo Grill.

Lim says the plan is to make the regional franchise available at between P100,000 and P1 million and then expand these concepts nationwide via franchising.

The recently concluded Franchise Asia conference and expo also showcased other small business ideas that can be franchised, including the Knock on Wood Balut, and the group of blind masseurs.

Lim stresses that there is still big room for good franchising concepts in the Philippines, despite the rapid expansion of both Filipino and foreign franchises in the country.

The latest data showed that the Philippines has 508 franchise concepts, which puts the Philippines in the middle among the Asian countries. China led the group with 1,800 concepts, while Hong Kong was the cellar dweller with only 124 franchise concepts.

The number of Philippine concepts puts the country at par with France and Italy with 500 and 553 concepts, respectively, but way behind the US with over 2,000 franchisors and Canada with 1,350 franchisors.

"I really believe that franchising will be the top dollar earner for the Philippines because of the export of top franchisors to other countries," Lim says.

He says the industry will grow rapidly over the next five years because of the entry of the financing window for franchisors and franchisees, the involvement of the academe and the explosion of SME franchises.

Franchising has already expanded dramatically over the past five years. Lim stresses that more local and foreign franchises came into the market in the last five years compared to the 20-year period that precedes it.

He adds that the franchisees remained profitable despite the Asian crisis years of 1997-1999, compared with other retail outlets.

Another idea being explored was the brand bundling of different Filipino concepts to bolster their chances of successfully making headway in foreign shores.

One example is to sell as one the different concept stores such as Angelino's, DC Diner, Choco Tropica, and Wok Some Dimsum a la the Streetlife concept at the Glorietta mall.

"By brand bundling, we will be able to test market in foreign malls or department stores, and create a bigger impact in the foreign markets," Lim says.

Pinoys' buying priorities: Looks, health, convenience

WHEN economists talk about an economic slowdown in Asia Pacific, how do Filipinos respond? They are undeterred and continue to stock up on personal care products.

Latest ACNielsen research shows that in the first four months of 2001, consumers bought 15 percent more hair conditioners and 7 percent more baby cologne—a product being increasingly adopted by teenagers.

Deodorants saw a 3-percent growth in sales volume and 10 percent-increase in value, thanks to increased sales of high-end products and the launch of a new "stick" format that has been proven to be very popular among consumers. More expensive high-end facial care products also helped maintain their total sales value despite a 15-percent drop in sales volume.

"We've been witnessing an increase in the popularity of products for personal grooming over the past couple of years as the economy came out of the last regional downturn in 1997," said Ed Roa, managing director of ACNielsen Philippines. "As for food products, consumers have a clear preference for healthy and convenience items although they're not necessarily one and the same."

Reflecting growing health consciousness is an upward trend in sales of skimmed nonfat milk, packaged water and tea drinks, with sales value growing 4 percent, 25 percent and 16 percent, respectively, during the first four months.

But Filipinos also like their instant noodles, which have grown 14 percent in sales value. Other convenience items like breakfast cereal increased 11 percent in sales value and coffee creamer grew 15.3 percent. Powder beverage concentrates grew 11 percent while the less convenient liquid concentrates experienced a 30-percent decline.

Roa noted that the retail landscape in the Philippines was moving toward dominance by the modern trade, in line with a growing international trend.

"Over the years, more and more consumer packaged goods are moving through supermarkets and convenience stores, and the phenomenon is particularly obvious in the Greater Manila area," he said. "Now these distribution channels account for over 85 percent of both food and non-food items in Greater Manila, whereas nationally, they account for 72 percent of food and 66 percent of non-food items." *(See table)*

TABLE 1. Growing importance of modern outlets in the Philippines 2001 (up1999-2000 to April)

All Philippines			
Food	69%	71%	72%
Non-food	62%	65%	66%
Greater Manila			
Food	81%	83%	87%
Non-food	75%	83%	85%

SOURCE: ACNIELSEN RETAIL MEASUREMENT

Roa added that ACNielsen would soon launch a consumer panel to collect grocery-shopping information directly from homes. The panel will comprise representative households to continuously track their shopping habits, including outlets visited, frequency, products and brands bought, and amount spent. It will provide an even deeper and more detailed understanding into consumer behaviors.

ACNielsen is one of the big groups into consumer panel research, with panels operating in over 20 countries, including Hong Kong, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand in Asia Pacific.

Young lady entrepreneur gets a spin out of creating a brand-new label

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

MARKETING STRATEGY

JOANNA Ongpin-Duarte, the young entrepreneur behind the Big & Small and Havin' a Baby clothes shops, spared nothing to chance when she decided to go into a new venture.

From the choice of the brand name, to the interiors of the shop and the sizes of the clothes, a consultant was tapped.

Duarte hired Addison Design Consultants Pte Ltd., a foreign firm with a local office, to draw up the name of her new venture, Spin, a clothes shop for boys aged three to six months to 12 years old.

Addison's country manager in Manila, Michelle D. Barretto, explains that in choosing a name, they went through a special software program that runs through a list versus the objectives for that label.

Duarte's group and Addison went through 500 names before choosing Spin.

The key was to find a name that can be used for an all boys' store, and one that will connote energy, flexibility and activity.

Names that sounded too kiddie were eliminated. Focus groups with fathers, mothers and children were done. The name Streetwise was a close choice

"Spin was the name accepted by all," says Duarte, daughter of former Finance Secretary Jaime V. Ongpin.

Duarte also tapped Addison to draw up the interior of the shop. She says they chose a skateboard as the identity of the brand.

"The skateboard has been popular for many years and Spin with the wheels is a very dynamic concept," she says.

Vicky Jalandoni, who manages the shops, says "Spin connotes movement, constant motion—just like kids who are forever doing something."

Spin's designer Katrina Alunan-Gonzalez, daughter of former Interior and Local Government Secretary Rafael Alunan, adds that "the clothes revolve around Spin—you can rough it up without worrying."

In terms of pricing, Duarte says "we try to be cheaper than imported brands but higher than department store brands."

She says she is very happy with Spin because "you look at spin and you can't tell whether it's a local brand. People ask if it's a franchise."

INTERIORS of Spin shops convey energy. Music played inside are trendy—no to Twinkle, Twinkle, yes to Shaggy's angel.

"We always try to improve on our brands," she says.

The idea for coming up with an all boys' shop was an accident. When the Rockwell Power Plant Mall opened, Duarte says she wanted to open a shop there.

"A shop for boys' clothes was always at the back of my mind," says the thirty-something mother of one.

The business introspection she had to go through during her one-and-a-half-year study under the Master in Entrepreneurship program, at the Asian Institute of management, helped propel her business idea to the fore.

It was a very logical move for her to open a boys' shop since she started with Big & Small, which initially carried maternity clothes and kids' clothes. This was in 1989. She evolved the maternity line into Havin' a Baby and focused on very cute-looking children's clothes under Big & Small. A few years ago she put up Orange Juice, a clothes shop for young girls, with some partners. All she needed was a boys' shop to complete her line.

She says she is careful to clearly delineate her different breads.

"We don't want to cannibalize the brands. There is a market for each," she says.

JOANNA Ongpin-Duarte

While the colors for Big & Small are lighter and more of pastels, the colors for Spin focus on primary colors.

Duarte says addressing these issues and getting a consultant are all part of her move to make "growing pains shorter."

She says getting a consultant helps weed out some of the issues that cropped up with her earlier ventures.

She admits her expansion plans are not yet over. But she says not in the next year or so.

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eTelecare, a global provider of call center management services, won the Best of Show Award for the Best Hosted Service at the 13th International Call Center Management (ICCM) Conference and Exposition held in Chicago, Illinois in the US. ICCM is the world's largest customer relationship/call center trade event in the world.

The ICCM award earned for eTelecare the "Best of the Best" distinction for outsourced call center services as it stood above the competition which included both call center outsourcers and application service providers. eTelecare (www.etelecare.com) whose business model combines superior people, best practice processes, state-of-the-art technology and cost savings, provides best-in-its-class customer contact management and services to Fortune 500 companies.

"The ICCM distinction proves the competitive edge of eTelecare in particular and the quality and cost advantages of the Philippines in general," eTelecare general manager Benedict Hernandez declared. He noted that the company boasts of superior customer relationship professionals who comprise the top graduates of the Philippines' best universities.

"The result, as validated by our clients, is substantially higher quality than US outsourced call centers and significant cost savings. Our proven ability to provide superior value has fueled the more than 10-fold growth of the company in the last 12 months."

eTelecare President Derek Holley accepts the ICCM Trophy from Marguerite Gervais of Advanstar Communications, the event sponsor, during the awarding ceremony at the McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

The ICCM Best of Show awards, now on its second year of staging, were judged on-site by an independent panel of CRM industry experts and presented on August 2, 2001. Advanstar Communications and Customer Interface Magazine, the industry's major CRM and customer contact publication, sponsored the 13th ICCM Exposition.

Open Communication Creates Healthy Work Atmosphere

"At eTelecare, we take time to actively listen to employee concerns to ensure open communication and teamwork throughout the organization," Benedict Hernandez proudly noted. "People talk with everyone on first-name basis."

The Company has a true open-door policy. It has even gone to the length of conducting general employee assemblies, formal employee surveys and ***eTellemeal***, a program whereby staff can air their needs and concerns directly to eTelecare Management.

A new program -- **eServeSurv** -- has recently been implemented as an on-line survey mechanism to gather feedback on employee services.

WALKING THE TALK. *In the photo, Benedict Hernandez (second from right) explains a point in an animated discussion during one of the regular Team Meetings with employees.*

The Best CRM Professionals

A KEY ELEMENT of eTelecare's business model -- and a competitive advantage.-- is its highly motivated, well-trained and dynamic corps of CRM professionals.

eTelecare stands out because of its comprehensive career development program. Associates undergo four weeks of intensive training on foundation skills that hones them on effective communications, inter-personal relations and problem-solving techniques based on the industry's best practices. Its core curriculum covers 30 different courses, and it has tapped global consulting firms such as DDI and Kepner-Tregoe to run several of these development courses. It also sends staff to external technical training not included in its curriculum.

In place is the Performance Management System that ensures employees meet comprehensive customer service benchmarks. Complementing the system is its supervisor-to-staff ratio of one for every eight associates that facilitates coaching, mentoring and more effective work monitoring. Because of the high-calibre and quality of its CRM professionals, eTelecare has been awarded contracts involving complex financial transactions, including mutual fund investments.

Associates work in stations supported by state-of-the-art Information Technology infrastructure, including computer telephony integration and other systems, to match the superior training they receive in customer relations.

In post-call poll of customers of clients, eTelecare has garnered a satisfaction rating of 98% -- proof positive of the outstanding quality of its CRM professionals.

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eTelecare: The Employer of Choice

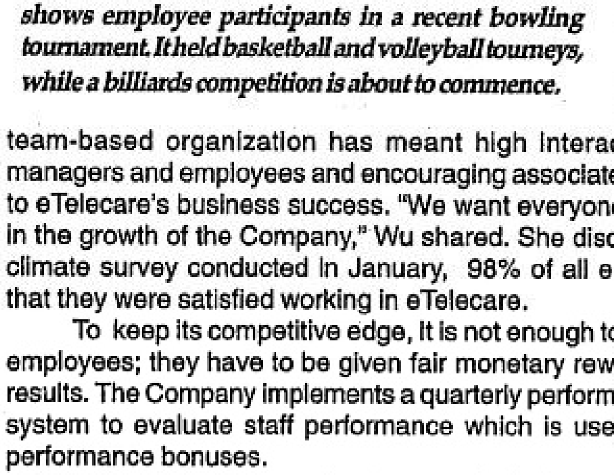
Being adjudged as the Best Call Center in the recently held ICCM 2001, it is not surprising that it has become the **Employer of Choice** in the Customer Relationship Management, or CRM, industry. eTelecare has attracted the country's topnotch people in support of its rapid growth.

From just 100 customer service associates when it started operations in September 2000, eTelecare has expanded more than 500 CRM professionals. Even more impressive is the fact that it has absorbed outstanding people in its organization.

eTelecare is a great place to develop and learn

"Our CRM professionals are in the top 5% stratum of the Philippines' best universities," eTelecare Recruiting Manager Pam Wu noted. She added that the Company has stringent qualification standards and screening which has resulted in an acceptance rate of 2% of all applicants. The Company's value proposition of offering high-end customer interface solutions to Fortune 500 companies means having outstanding CRM professionals who are excellent communicators, dedicated and highly trained to deliver the best service to clients. "When you deliver outstanding service, you need to have high-quality people," she explained.

But once an applicant has become part of the organization, he finds that eTelecare offers above-industry salary scale, not to mention a comprehensive training and development package, that has given it growing reputation as the preferred CRM industry employer in the country. Complementing this is a unique organizational culture highlighted by non-hierarchical structure, a team-oriented approach to doing things, performance-based system and a fun and supportive work environment.


eTelecare has a year-round sports program to help promote physical fitness, fun and teamwork. Photo shows employee participants in a recent bowling tournament. It held basketball and volleyball tourneys, while a billiards competition is about to commence.

The focus on non-hierarchical, team-based organization has meant high interaction between managers and employees and encouraging associates to contribute to eTelecare's business success. "We want everyone to participate in the growth of the Company," Wu shared. She disclosed that in a climate survey conducted in January, 98% of all employees said that they were satisfied working in eTelecare.

To keep its competitive edge, it is not enough to recruit quality employees; they have to be given fair monetary rewards based on results. The Company implements a quarterly performance appraisal system to evaluate staff performance which is used as basis for performance bonuses.

Conversely, eTelecare's strategy of offering a diverse range of customer contact services allows more opportunities for more rapid development and promotions for its employees. For example, certain fast-track employees have been promoted up to two times within a one-year span. Just in the first half of 2001, over 100 employees have already been promoted.

Its supportive and "fun" culture finds expression in its intensive staff training and development program.The Company also holds regular sports and extra-curricular programs for its employees. "While helping to remind us to have a healthy balance of professional and personal goals, these employee activities also contribute to building teamwork and better staff productivity," Wu said. Recently, the Company sponsored a "Meet the Parents", an open house for the dads and moms of eTelecare staff and associates to get them to know about the call center industry and the Company.

The work environment in eTelecare's Citibank Center office in the Eastwood Cyberpark combines the perfect blend of modern office setting with state-of-the-art computer telephony work stations and the environment-friendly and convenient location in the Eastwood

Our Vision

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eTelecare - a Pioneer and Leader

BLAZING THE TRAIL IN THE CALL CENTER INDUSTRY

The Philippines is rapidly becoming the hub of international call centers. This sector -- customer contact and support services -- is the country's sunrise industry.

As a pioneer, eTelecare is positioned as the country'CRM industry leader. "Unlike other US-based call center service providers,our basic strategy is to use the Philippines as our exclusive base of operations," Company general manager Benedict Hernandez stated. He explained that the Philippines has the cost and competitive advantage of having a highly educated, English-speaking and naturally people-oriented human resource base.

Hernandez noted that eTelecare is one of the first international service bureaus to invest in the Philippines. "We are not only leveraging the unique talents of Filipinos and providing employment but also generating the needed foreign exchange revenues for the country," he said. "In fact, the industry and eTelecare in particular are contributing to keeping our good people stay in the Phililppines while earning attractive salaries."

eTelecare has the competitive edge of having the capability to offer complete CRM solutions for clients, including voice, e-mail, web chat and computer telephony interface.

The Company is a joint venture between SPI Technologies, a listed I.T. and data conversion services firm, and an American contact center management firm. Various US-based firms, including internal back-end customer support centers, have migrated to the Philippines to service principals.

He disclosed that the Company is scheduled to put up its second Call Center within the year, this time to be situated in Makati City, about 30 minutes away from its Citibank Square Call Center 1 in Quezon City. In line with its vision, eTelecare plans to expand to a total of five call centers in three to five years. Its telecommunications and computer servers are located in its headquarters in California.

"We are proving to the world and to our US markets that Philippine call centers can provide superior customer contact than our US-based counterparts," Hernandez concluded.

MDI - Dell Behind eTelecare's Philippines IT infrastructure

eTelecare's success in the booming call center industry was evidenced by its receiving the recognition of "Best of Show Award for the Best Hosted Service" in the recently held 13th International Call Center Management Conference and Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Contributing to this success is its strategic partnership with MDI and Dell Computers.

At the onset of eTelecare's operations in the Philippines last year, MDI (formerly Micro-Distributing International) committed itself in helping build eTelecare's network. MDI provided an end-to-end integrated solution that included structured cabling, network switches, and servers and desktop equipment.

MDI, being one of the country's leading systems integrators was tasked to deliver most of E-Telecare's IT requirements. A major component of which is hardware that includes servers for its applications and database. Dell PowerEdge servers and Dell OptiPlex desktops eased day-to-day management of voluminous incoming calls of their various clients. Undoubtedly, Dell is the clear solution for etelecare's needs.

"We are happy to hear about recognition given to any of our clients. We feel in some way, that we have contributed to the success of their company, and our services have worked for them", Mr. Bong Paloma, president of MDI enthused.

On the other hand, Mr. Richard Tan, Director for Inside Sales of Dell Asia Pacific exclaims, "this is a testament to Dell's commitment to its clients. We try to ensure that our distributors are at par with Dell's standard of quality - world-class. And no doubt, MDI has this standard."

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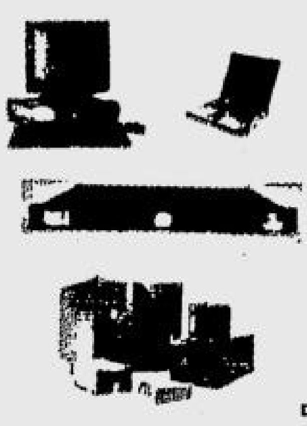

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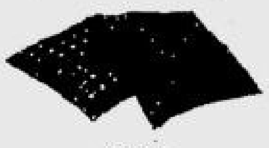
1 STAMP	1 6-PACK COCA-COLA In Cans 330 mL.	OR	 1 PIECE Floor Pillow
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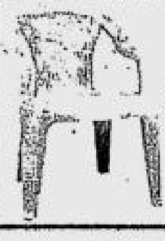
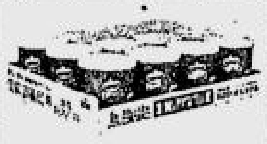
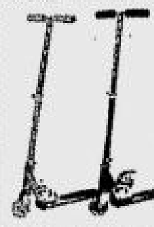
3 STAMPS	1 SACK SUNRICE Dinorado Rice 10 Kg.	OR	 1 PIECE SALZBURG Armchair Weave Design
4 STAMPS	 1 PACK PRINGLES (12 x 50 G.)	OR	1 PIECE US Heavy Bath Towel
5 STAMPS	1 CASE JACK 'N JILL Chippy (100 x 30 G.)	OR	 1 PIECE NB Scooter All Steel
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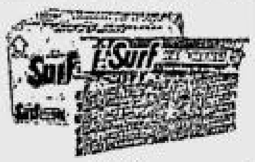
7 STAMPS	 1 CASE SURF Bar (36's)	OR	1 PIECE Body Pillow with Cover
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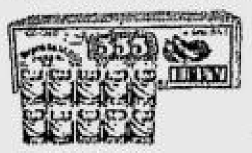
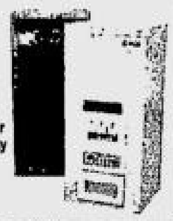
9 STAMPS	 1 CASE 555 Sardines (100 x 155 G.)	OR	1 PIECE TRIO CD Storage 30-CD Capacity
10 STAMPS	1 CASE JOY Bathroom Tissue (6 x 12's)	OR	1 PIECE KYOWA Rice Dispenser 25 Kg. Capacity 

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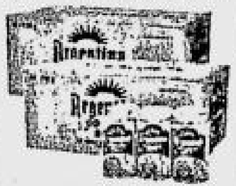
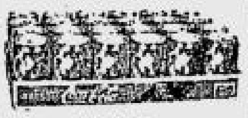
30 STAMPS	 2 CASES ARGENTINA Corned Beef (48 x 175 G.)	OR	1 PIECE SENTRY Fire-Safe Security Chest 1100
40 STAMPS	 14 CASES COKE In Cans (24x330 mL.)	OR	1 PIECE PANASONIC Cordless Phone KXT-C1025
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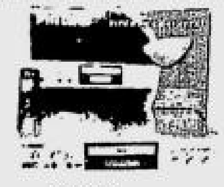
60 STAMPS	3 CASES TIDE Ultra (396 x 32 G.)	OR	 1 PIECE PHILIPS VCD/MP3 Player CD/GV60
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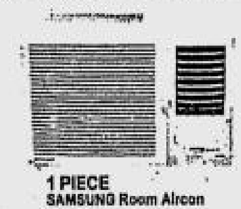
90 STAMPS	7 CASES NESCAFE Classic Refill 60 x 50 G.	OR	 1 PIECE SAMSUNG Room Aircon 3/4 HP AW-07H2SB
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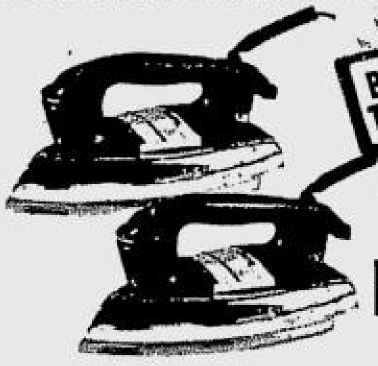

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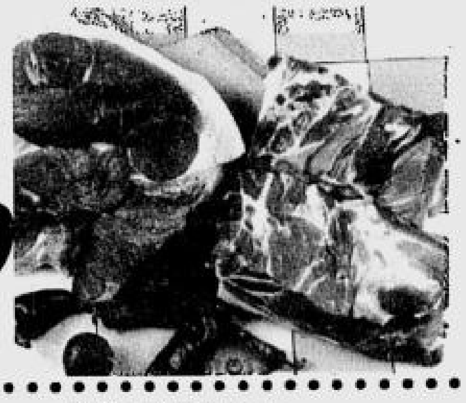

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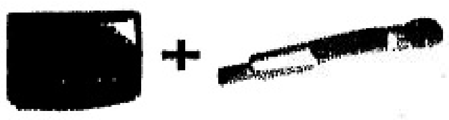

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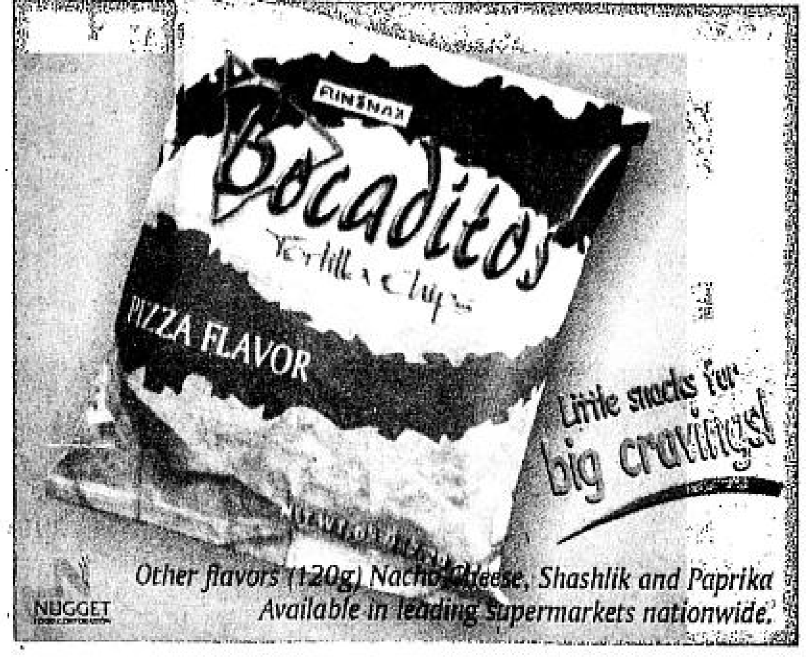

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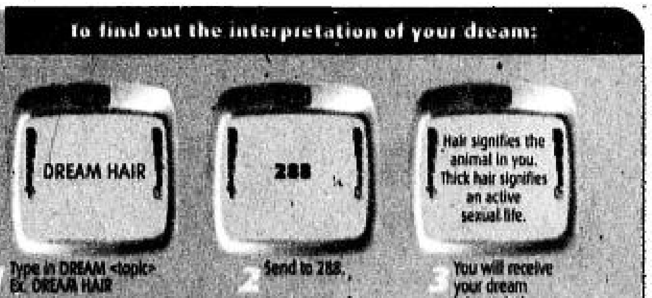

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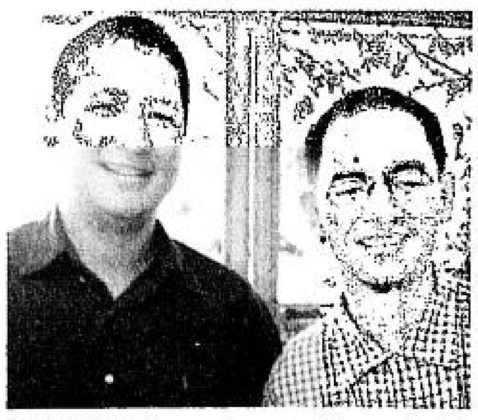
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OLDEST alumna present in the homecoming

MIRIAM media officer Claire Agbayani and PDI columnist Rina Jimenez-David

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YAMIN Pimentel-Espinosa assisting her sister, Vicky Pimentel, during a cooking demo.

Nostalgia and glory at Miriam homecoming

Miriam/ Maryknoll alumni toast 75 years of fine education and fine memories

By Cathy Babao Guballa
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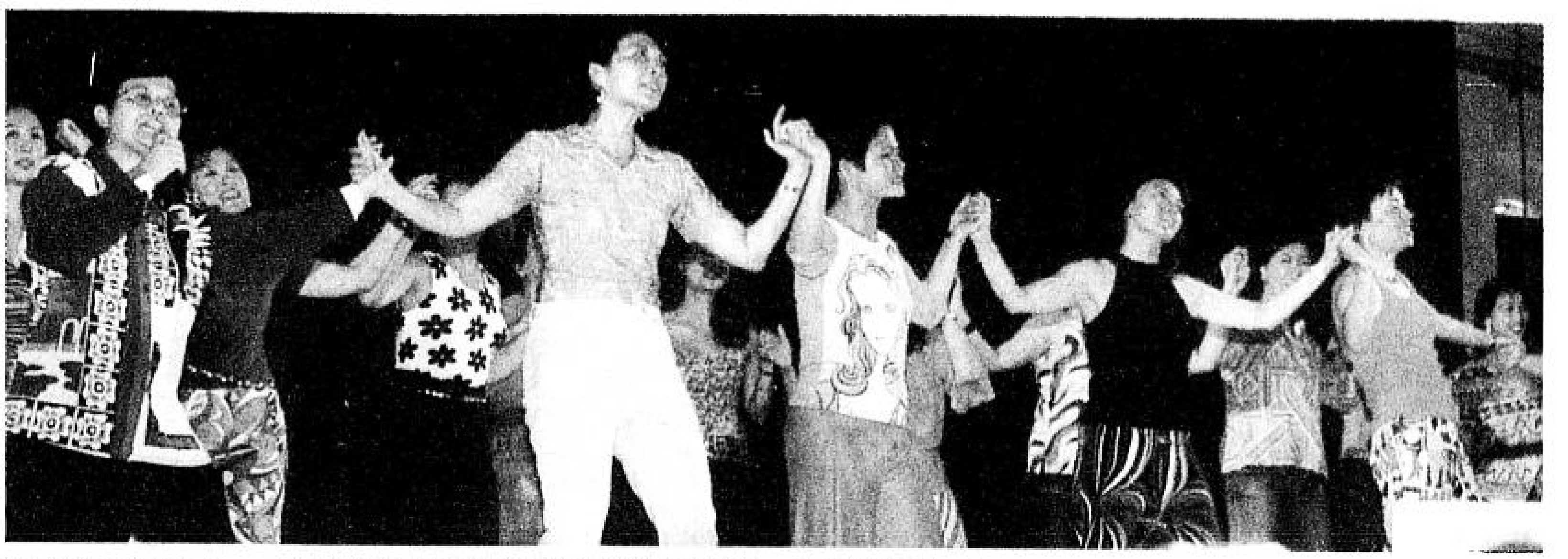
HS Class of '76—Silver Jubilarians

CHRIST-LIKE charity, limpid simplicity of soul, heroic generosity, selflessness, unswerving loyalty, prudent zeal, orderly mind, gracious courtesy, adaptable disposition, solid piety and the saving grace of a sense of humor.

Quite a tall order. Are these the characteristics of the ideal woman as described by Proverbs 31? Well, not quite, but close. These were traits Mother Mary Joseph, founder of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic congregation, wanted to instill in Maryknoll/Miriam college students. For the last 75 years, Maryknoll/Miriam College has tried to produce Filipino women who would make their mark in the hearts and minds of their fellow citizens.

Maryknoll/Miriam College's history dates back to 1926 when then Archbishop of Manila, Rev. Michael O'Doherty requested the Sisters of the Maryknoll Congregation in New York to initiate a teacher-training program for women in the Philippines. The sisters then made their first home in an old remodeled Augustinian convent in Malabon, the Malabon Normal School. Thus, the first teacher-training school was established. After a few years it transferred to several sites, among them St. Mary's Hall on Pennsylvania Street in Manila. It finally settled in the early 1950s on Katipunan Road in Quezon City. This year's Sapphire Jubilarians, HS class of 1956 were the first batch of high school students to transfer to the Katipunan campus. They include Lilia Calderon-Clemente, Malu Antonio-Veloso, pediatrician Asuncion Abella-Reloza, dermatologist Roberta Careon-Romero and former presidential spokesperson Deedee Munson-Siytangco.

Green campus

Maryknoll College back then was just a long building of three stories. Construction was still going on. Though many of the old structures remain intact, much has changed and evolved over the last 45 years and the Maryknoll/Miriam college campus remains one of the most beautiful and greenest ones in the city.

It has often been asked why Maryknoll College had to change its name to Miriam. The Maryknoll Times, newsletter of the Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association, explained: "In accordance with the missionary tradition of 'begin, beget and begone,' the Maryknoll nuns envisioned the transfer of its educational mission to the Filipino laity. This vision was to be concretized through a change of name, which was provided for in its 1977 articles of ownership and management. When the Maryknoll congregation handed over the school to the Filipino laity, the school was granted the privilege to form its own identity and chart new directions that would adapt (the school) to the changing needs of the times. Miriam College was thus formally inaugurated in 1989 and the name was chosen because it is the name of Mother Mary in Aramaic and the school had desired to rededicate itself to the Mother of Christ. It was also a fitting tribute to Sr. Miriam Thomas Thornton, who founded Maryknoll College."

Inspiring years

On Sept. 8, Maryknoll/Miriam College marked its diamond anniversary with a daylong celebration at its sprawling, green campus in suburban Loyola Heights, QC. This year's theme was "75 Years of Inspiration" and the celebration showcased the brilliant talents and expertise of alumni the school has produced in the last 7½ decades. Laid out at the walls of the college entrance was a gallery of distinguished alumni who were part of the first batch of "Amazing Alumni Achievers." "The Three A's," as it is popularly called, aims to give due recognition to Maryknoll/Miriam alumni from various fields who have contributed greatly to society through their life's work. At the same time, it seeks to provide inspiration so that others can follow in the footsteps of these women. Included in the first batch of Amazing Alumni Achievers are Ging Quintos-Deles, Sr. Marisa Lichauco, Karen Tañada, Edith Alcantara, Nieves Roldan-Confesor, Rina Jimenez-David, Nadine Guytingco-Abela and several others. Maryknoll/Miriam alumni are encouraged to contact the alumni office or log on to the school website www.mc.edu.ph to make their nominations for next year's awardees.

Gallery

The highlight was the opening of the Maryknoll/Miriam Gallery of Women's Art, which features works of both alumnae and non-alumnae. Among the outstanding works are those of Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Araceli Dans, Ivi Avellana-Cosio and Katti Sta. Ana. The book "Maryknoll Sisters in the Philippines" by Sr. Virginia Fabella, M.M. and Sr. Dorothy Mulligan, M.M. was also launched. One alumna described the book: "It reads like a Zaide history book on the Maryknoll tradition, and will explain why we are the way we are because of the pioneering tradition and zeal of the Maryknoll sisters."

After a mass at noon and the traditional lunch, the homecoming program opened at 2 p.m. and the remainder of the afternoon was spent reminiscing on the years gone by and rekindling bonds with friends and classmates many of whom had not seen one another in many years. The Golden Jubilarians of HS '51 led by Irma Ponce Enrile-Potenciano, who remains ever elegant and with a voice unchanged by time or age, opened the program with a heartwarming rendition of Ernani Cuenco's "Masayang Pagtatagpo" and Florante's "Handog." This was followed by numbers performed by the Sapphire, Ruby, Coral and Pearl Jubilarians (where alumnae Pat Castillo performed a couple of songs from the 1970s). The main events, so to speak, were the numbers performed by Silver Jubilarians HS '76 and College '76. The high school jubilarian class performed a medley of Burt Bacharach songs while the college class did a stylized medley of '70s songs and patriotic Filipino songs such as "Bayan Ko" and "Ako ay Pilipino." Closing remarks were given by Yamin Pimentel-Espinosa of HS '76 and Minda Garcia-Arcilla of College '76.

All told, it was a day where the weather was glorious and the atmosphere filled with a lot of love, fun and nostalgia. Truly, it was like coming home to a place that helped shape the women that we have all become.

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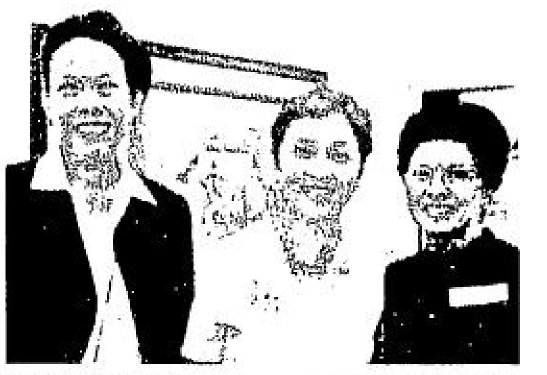
PAZ ADRIANO HA
TOOTSIE Moreno-Vicente shows her wares.

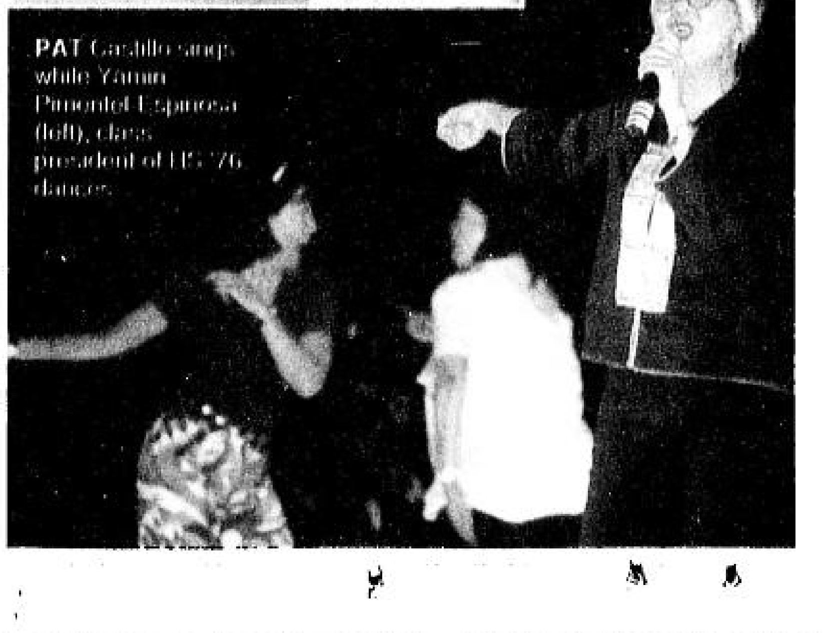
FORMER actress and commercial model Bing Pimentel, chair of the Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association

IRMA Ponce-Enrile-Potenciano, Golden Jubilarian, does an Armida.


MIRIAM president Patricia Licuanan, Narz Lim and Ching Escaler

IVI Avellana-Cosio poses in front of her painting at the Miriam College Gallery of Women's Art.

CARLA Ramos-Cabrera (HS '76), Olympic coach, taught archery to children of alumni.


PAT Castillo sings while Yamin Pimentel-Espinosa (left), class president of HS '76 dances.

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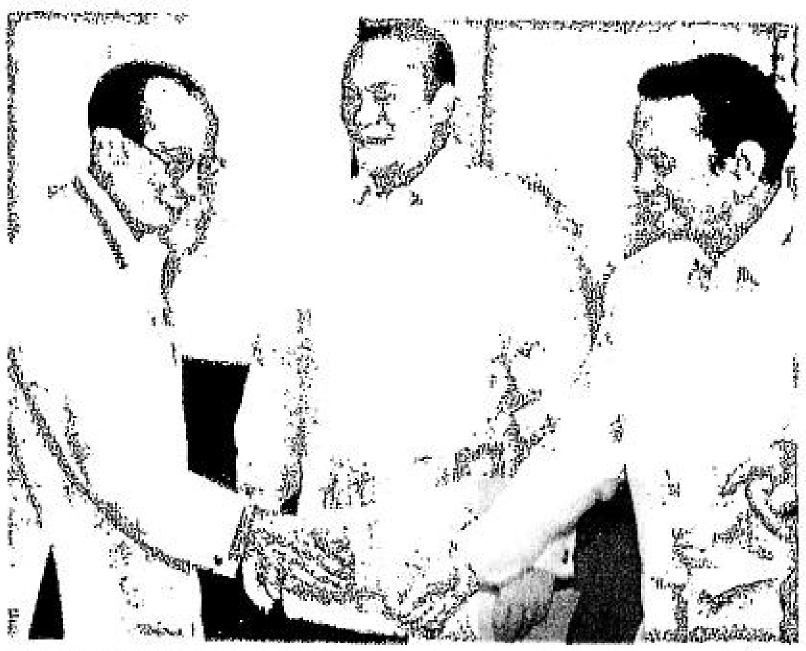
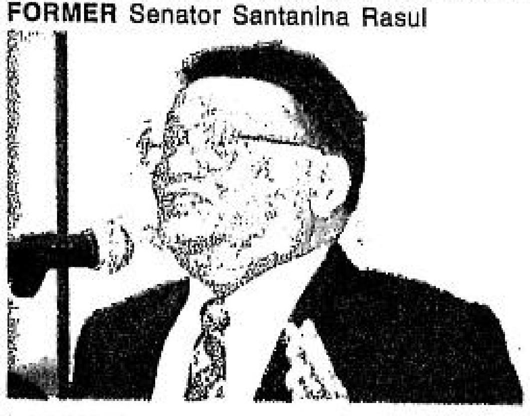
PRIMICIAS siblings: Perla, Baby, Marietta, Tito



FORMER President Fidel Ramos, Sen. Jun Magsaysay and Vice-President Tito Guingona

FORMER Senator Santanina Rasul



LARRY Henares

Remembering a great statesman

By Donnie Ramirez
Photos by Chito Vecina

PERLA does a mean flamenco number with a guest.

MOMENTARILY setting aside their shock and grief over the cataclysmic terrorist attack on the United States that demolished the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the family and friends of the late Sen. Cipriano P. Primicias gathered last Sept. 12 at the Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati to honor the great Filipino statesman and lawmaker on his 100th birth anniversary. Traffic along Makati Avenue was disturbed as cars stopped to unload government and private dignitaries who came to honor one of the country's most admired political giants.

Launched that evening was a commemorative book of vignettes and anecdotes on the life and times of the outstanding lawmaker from Pangasinan. The launching kicked off the observance of the Cipriano Primicias Centennial Celebrations. Initiated by his children, the book consists of interviews conducted by long-time family friend Corazon Navarro-Sison. Mrs. Sison sought colleagues and associates of the senator who outlived him, as well as plain folks who worked closely with him up to his death on Sept. 20, 1965. Through personal and oftentimes candid recollections, the volume captures the man and his times.

Reminiscences

Among those who contributed their reminiscences of Senator Primicias were former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez, former Sen. Arturo Tolentino, Justice Porfirio Sison, Justice Eriberto Untulan Rosario, Jr. of the Court of Appeals, Don Miguel Matabang, who was a former mayor of Bayambang, Pangasinan, lawyer Rene Diokno who served as the senator's legal officer from 1953 to 1963, former assemblyman and information minister Greg Cendaña, and 93-year-old Venancio Dingle, who supported himself through college by working as messenger at the senator's office.

At the launching, close friends shared their first-hand encounters with Senator Primicias. They included former President Fidel V. Ramos, Philconsa chair and former Pangasinan governor Conrado Estrella Sr., Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Justice Lino Patajo, former governor Willy Reyes of Ilocos Sur and writer Larry Henares.

Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona was the keynote speaker. The senator's son, former Pangasinan governor Tito Primicias, delivered the response on behalf of the family, while son-in-law Ambassador Raul Goco, who is married to his eldest daughter Marietta, was the master of ceremonies. Intermission number was rendered by Perla Irene Primicias, another daughter of the honoree, who performed a well-applauded Spanish dance.

Pleased

Born on Sept. 14, 1901 in Alcala, Pangasinan, Senator Primicias married provincial beauty queen Nieves Ocampo Benito, Miss Pangasinan of 1930. The couple had nine children, namely Tito, Marietta, Ricardo, who was a delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, lawyer Johnny, Ramon (deceased), Edmund, Carlos, Perla (widow of Ignacio de la Hoz) and Baby Nieves (married to Peter Füngerlings).

Senator Primicias finished his bachelor of laws with highest honors at the University of Manila and was a topnotcher in the 1923 bar examinations. He was thrice elected to the House of Representatives and served two terms in the Senate. Among the landmark laws he authored were the acts creating the Tariff Commission in 1953, the Land Registration Commission and the Court of Agrarian Relations.

Noted in the distinguished audience at the book launching were Nayong Pilipino executive director Charito Planas, Alay-Lakad Foundation president Frank Evaristo, Nona Ricafort, Tony and Letty Bonoan, Tereret Tambunting-Liboro, Dr. Baby Manlapit, Cita Dinglasan, Jose and Lulu Rodriguez and former senator Santanina Rasul.

The weeklong centennial celebration was capped by the renaming of the senator's high school alma mater in Alcala, Pangasinan to Sen. Cipriano P. Primicias High School.

With the outpouring of love and esteem for the great parliamentarian and statesman, daughter Marietta was right in saying that "Papa would have been pleased."

UP students to present fashion show

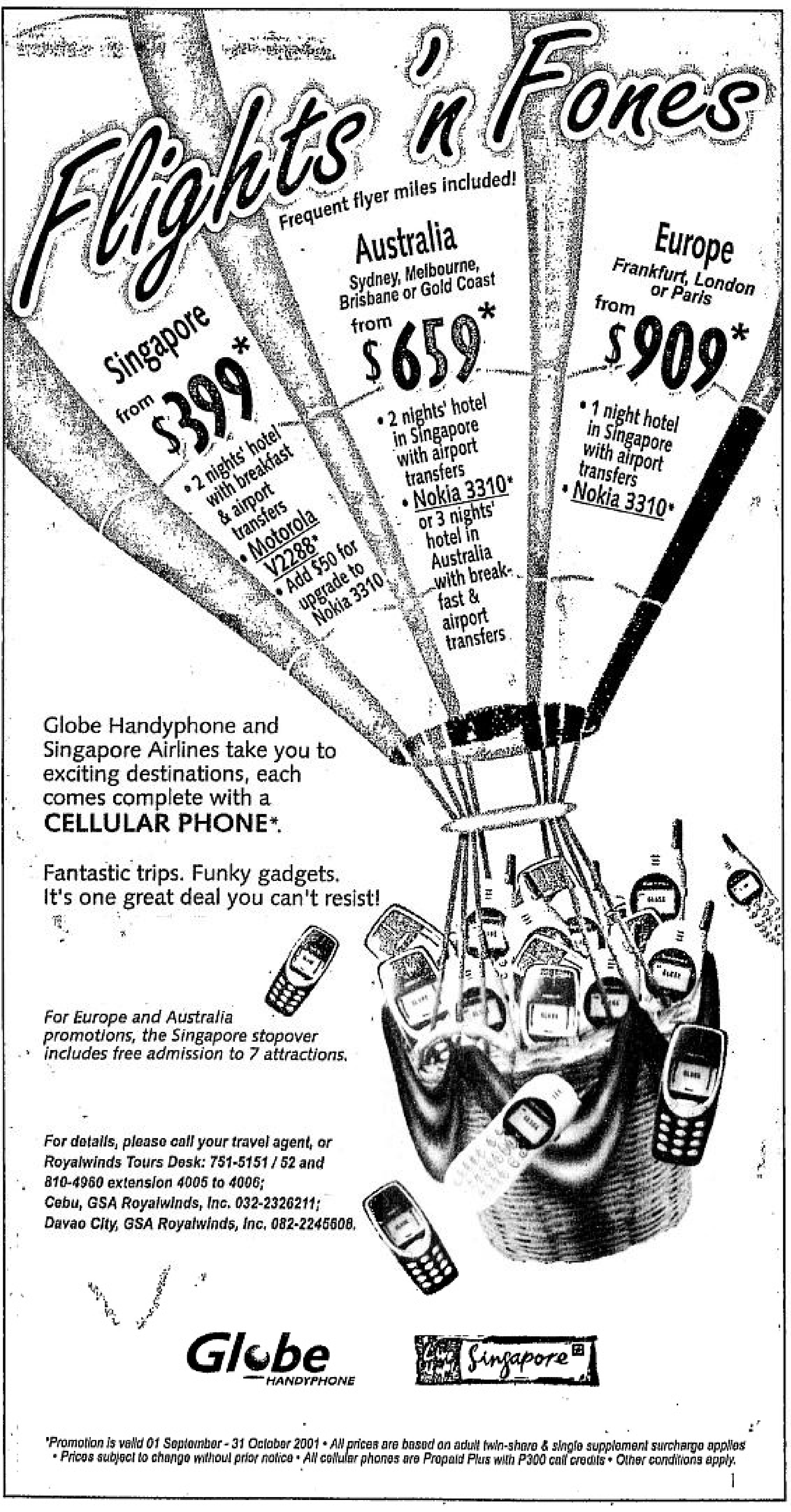
TO SAVE the only on-campus costume museum, the University of the Philippines College of Home Economics' (UP CHE) Department of Clothing, Textiles and Interior Design will sponsor a fashion show titled "10.05.01" on Oct. 5 at the Glorietta 4 Park, Ayala Center.

Part of a series of annual fashion shows which began 10 years ago, "10.05.01" will feature 120 original creations by 38 clothing technology majors from UP. Trained to be process-oriented, the students are in charge of everything from concept to design, selection of fabrics, pattern-making, draping, fitting and construction. The event provides the student designers the opportunity to showcase their talent honed at the UP CHE, the only academic institution offering a holistic approach to clothing design.

The organizers hope to raise a significant amount to donate to the UP Costume Museum. The Filipino Costume Collection Project, which Dr. Leonarda M. Jurado started in 1959 as a class project for the Development of Costume course, evolved into a museum with over a thousand pieces of rare, historic Filipino costumes and accessories that include the Valera collection and gowns from the early Slim's and Madonna high-fashion shops, which gain vintage value with each passing year.

The production will feature 20 student models, a number of guest models from the Philippine Models Association of the Philippines and celebrities like KC Montero, China Cojuangco, Wilma Doesnt, Bianca Araneta, Toffee Calma, Rafael Rossel and Michelle Montelibano.

An additional attraction will be a mini exhibit of Filipino costumes culled from the museum. Turn-of-the-century garments and accessories to vintage Valeras will be featured.



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My friend Sophia in New York

LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan

YOU get the feeling that this is only the lull before the storm? As America digs up her dead so she can bury them, and puts on normalcy while trying to do both, you hope that the US will not have to annihilate whole countries first to get to the terrorist cells of Bin Laden.

You hope that somehow, no matter the damage and pain they have sustained, they still carry the lesson of Vietnam, the war they lost.

You hope, too, that terrorists finally realize the evil futility of terrorism: it ends up strengthening the very cause they wanted destroyed. They sought to wreak havoc on American institutions, but in the end, with people and countries standing behind the US, the terrorist attacks served to strengthen America in the eyes of the world.

The Tuesday catastrophe drove people back to God and spirituality. (At the rate everyone's talking of predictions, I'm tempted to say when in doubt, consult Nostradamus.)

At the end of the day faith is all we have. And that should be enough—because for all the analyses going around, who knows for certain what form the war will take this time. Vietnam and the Gulf War seem ages ago. Their protagonists were countries. Today the US doesn't know exactly who the enemy is. Nor in what corner it lurks.

And who knows how the war will come into our homes.

The morning after the attack on World Trade Center, I e-mailed a friend in Brooklyn to ask how she and her family were doing. **Sophia Romero** had just left Manila to go home to New York three weeks before the attack. She was here to set up the memorabilia exhibit of her father, the late conductor Redentor Romero.

New York has been good to Sophia. She has a fine husband and two lovely kids. To critical acclaim, she wrote her first novel, "Always Hiding," published by William Morrow and Company Inc.—a feat for a Filipina. (She also begins her column in our Metro Magazine.)

She got back to me with an essay. I'm running it here in full for her prose is too beautiful and her experience too disturbing to touch.

Happy birthday, Sophia!

'The day we lost our innocence'

"I always look forward to the waning days of summer: when the sky turns purple, orange and turquoise, and the light takes on a deeper, hazier glow. The air is crisp and cool to the touch. Fall. My all-time favorite season.

"Sept. 11, Tuesday, begins as any ordinary morning in my household. **Eli** is up at 6:45 so that he can be out the door by 8 for the 10-minute walk to his school. Like anyone who struggles with becoming alert at that hour, he needs a little headstart to get his juices flowing. **Amalya** is up at 8. She doesn't have to be at school until 8:40 and it is only two blocks away. Unlike her *kuya*, she requires less motivation to get ready. **Dan** is busy preparing their breakfast as well as his lunch. He will commute to Manhattan shortly after he drops off Eli. I am getting my act together for taebo class at 9.

"You don't want to be in my house or around my family at breakfast. Cheerios fly around like New Year's Eve confetti. You could be scarred for life by a rogue coffeepot filled with freshly brewed Java. A wayward bagel might just knock you out cold.

"By 8:35, Amalya and I are just about ready to leave when Dan suddenly appears on our doorstep. He had forgotten something and decided to walk back home to get it. Amalya is excited because it is rare for both her parents to take her to school. I get to walk with my husband for five more minutes before we part ways: he to the subway that will take him downtown, I to exercise class three blocks away.

"At around 9:30, our class is in the midst of our two-minute jump rope routine when **Allison** stops abruptly. Something about Towers, plane crash had come up on the radio she said. Did you hear? Did you hear? We all stop and try to listen but the DJ of the pop station we are listening to sounds too casual to alarm us. There is some more music. By the time he comes back, his tone has changed. Our nightmare is just barely beginning. We are in no mood for stomach crunches. Allison runs to the only phone in the studio; her father-in-law works on the 90th floor of one of the Twin Towers. Cell phones have stopped working.

> 'The skyline disappears momentarily. People around me are screaming. I begin to think that Dan is trapped there, somewhere'

"**Wukash Jogalla**, my neighbor and the husband of a classmate, comes by. 'Two planes have crashed into the Twin Towers. I'm going over to the waterfront to take pictures. Who wants to come?' Four of us join him, including the woman who runs the studio where we go for class.

"Allison is in tears. She says her husband, a normally silent, stoic type, is hysterical. His father's whereabouts are unknown. I grab her by the shoulders and look...directly into her eyes. 'This is not the time to panic,' I say firmly. 'You don't have any information to respond to.' Looking back I realize that my voice may have been strident; I may have been really convincing myself. She nods glumly and decides to head home. We all take turns to embrace her before dashing off to Red Hook, an iffy neighborhood in Brooklyn where dead bodies sometimes mysteriously show up.

"The scale of this tragedy has not struck home. It is too beautiful a day. Not even Crayola crayons could have conjured the blue of the sky. As we drive along, we catch a glimpse of the Twin Towers engulfed in thick, gray smoke. We gasp for breath at the gall of it all. We see pieces of paper floating in the sky, glinting against the morning sun. Later I realize they may have been glass from the destruction. We get to Red Hook just before 10, and park ourselves by a construction site with an unblocked view of Lower Manhattan. There are about 20 others who are already there. Except for the sounds of metal being welded and the public radio broadcast from one of the cars, we are all quiet. The surreal quality of it all numbs our lips. We are in a state of cognitive dissonance.

"My friend **HildeMarie** is in tears as she stares at the buildings burning up at a furious pace. She moans for the men and women who are simply working to pay their bills, to put food on their table, to clothe their children.

"Wukash is taking pictures with his still camera. **Tessa**, our taebo instructor, is pacing back and forth, trying to make a call on her useless cell phone. **Magdalena** stands mute against the tall blades of grass. I can only lean against the wire fence and silently watch the two buildings burn.

"Where is **Bruce Willis**? I slowly begin to calculate the time it takes for Dan to reach his office by train from our house. Had he gotten on at shortly before 9 a.m., might he be...

"The first tower falls. It looks like a cigarette that has burned too long, its ashes crumbling into a dust heap. Smoke billows upward from the ground, then spreads all across the buildings. The skyline disappears momentarily.

"People around me are screaming. I am afraid that HildeMarie will have a nervous collapse. I begin to think that Dan is trapped there, somewhere.

"We all pile into the SUV and drive back to our neighborhood to pick up our children. I keep borrowing someone's cell phone to call Dan. I am unable to make a connection. I think of Allison's father-in-law. It is impossible for anyone to survive a crash of that magnitude. In my head I replay the image of Dan as he walks away from me this morning, his broad shoulders resolute as he headed for work. I think about how I turned to look at him again to get one more glimpse of him as he went around the bend. I sprint for the first payphone I see. It works. I slip in my quarter and pray. And wait. If Dan is where he ought to be, he will be on the other end of the line.

"I burst into tears when I hear his voice. He had apparently left a message on my answering machine to say he was okay. When we hang up, I rush over to my son's school where the beginning signs of chaos are about to appear.

"When I stick my head into Eli's classroom, he runs over to me, and wraps his arms around my neck. We are crying in the hallway. He will later tell me that before I appeared and just after the school had told them about the Twin Towers, he thought he and Amalya were orphans. Never mind that he knew we didn't work anywhere near there. It was enough that he didn't know where we were for him to suspect the worst.

"The unimaginable has happened and it has struck home in ways that my family and I are unprepared for. As I write this, the husband of Amalya's first dance teacher is one of 300 firemen still unaccounted for. **Dave Fontana** belonged to an elite squad trained for disasters such as this. He trained firemen all over the country. It is people like him who make my city safe. When my house was on fire four years ago, it was his squad that came to our rescue. Not a thing was lost; the firemen even took down paintings from the walls. I'm sure Dave was leading his men up the stairs of the Twin Towers to rescue people. Firemen interviewed for the New York Times and on National Public Radio are speaking of him in the past tense. His son **Aidan** is 5 years old.

"A neighbor's son-in-law called from the 105th floor shortly after the first plane struck. They have not heard from him since. When I see **Esther**, she is on her way to Manhattan to search for him in the hospitals. This despite her daughter's belief that he is no longer around. They are the parents of a month-old baby. **Kelly Hayes'** husband doesn't even work at the Twin Towers. He is simply there for a business meeting when the first plane crashes. He makes a call to his answering machine to say that he is trapped, he can't get out. 'I love you,' he tells Kelly and hangs up. Allison's father-in-law is presumed dead. No one on his floor has been heard from since the explosion. They were probably at the point of impact.

"How do you explain the nature of evil to your children without turning them into cynical, insensitive adults? How do you protect your children from evil when it appears on your doorstep and takes over?

"The stench of burning fumes continues to pervade our home. Pretty soon, it will be the stench of rotting flesh. My eyes itch, my skin tingles from the filth in the air. From the filth that darkens the hearts of men and turns them into monsters.

"We all lost our innocence that day, grownups and children alike. But not our hope. The next day, Sept. 12, was my birthday. It is hard to celebrate knowing that there are families who can't account for their loved ones. Probably never will. But then again, I wasn't going to let evil take over my life and that of my children. I wasn't going to let evil triumph over me. So we eat out and have noodles. Lots of them. For long life. Ours and those who continue to cling to it."—*Sophia G. Romero*.

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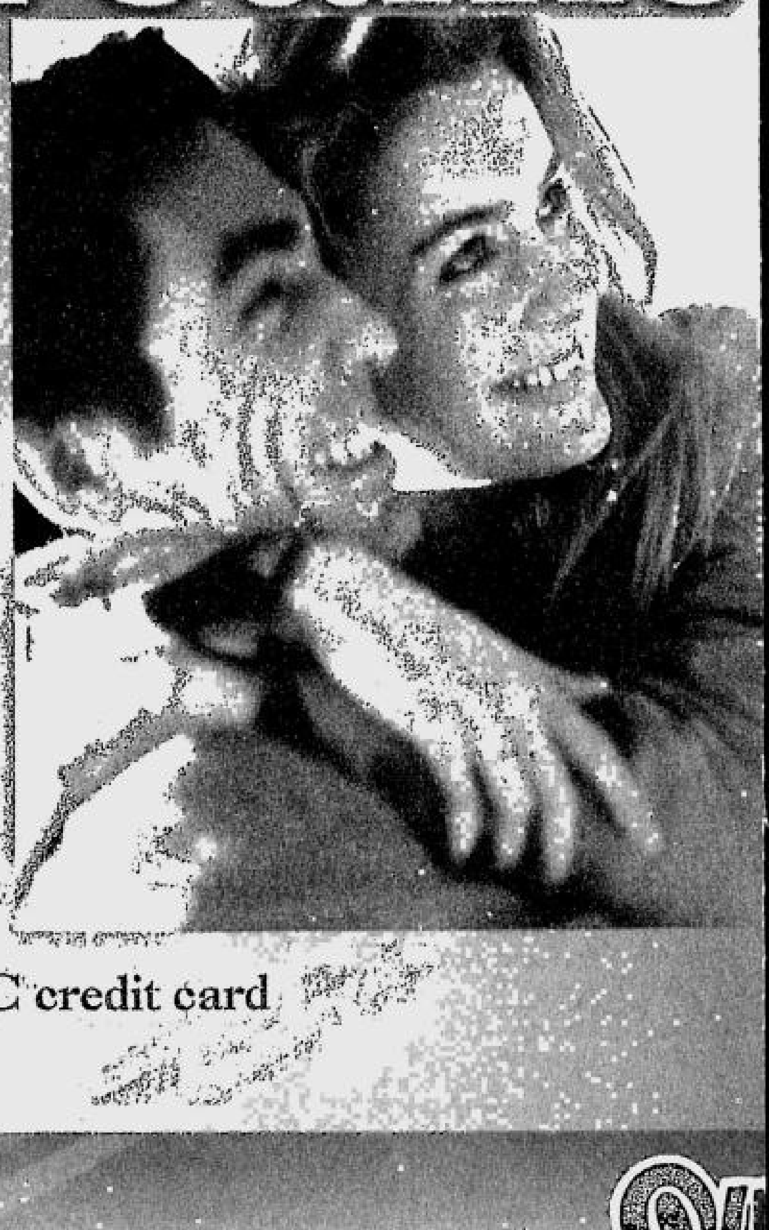

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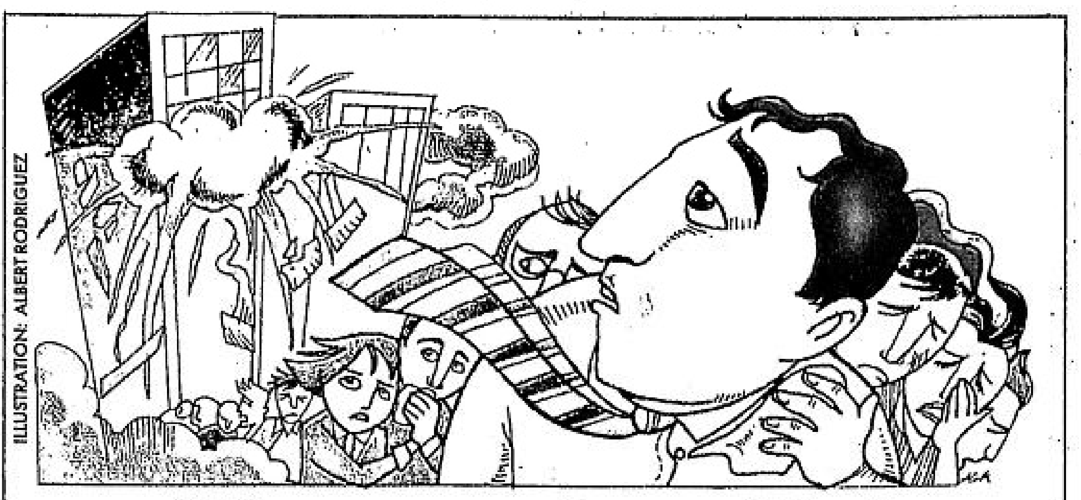

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'The ground trembled, the building collapsed, and I felt God's hand . . .'

A Manhattanite who worked on the 64th floor of the World Trade Center barely escaped being buried alive

YOU'VE read and heard stories of Manhattanites who were close to the World Trade Center during the bombing. Here's the account of an employee, B.K. Ram Parkash, who sent this e-mail to his friends and family members. This Indian-American said the Sept. 11 catastrophe was the second he had experienced at the WTC. The first time was in February 1993, when there was a bomb explosion 10 minutes after he had left the building.

Here's his experience:

"I worked on the 64th floor of the 110-story WTC 1. At approximately 8:45 a.m. we heard a big explosion. Our building started to shake. In a few minutes, the glass and metal from the walls started crashing. We thought there was an earthquake. Then we came to know that a plane had struck the building. Our tower was hit first. We came down all the 64 flights of stairs, and it took us two hours to reach the ground level. Five minutes after we fled from the building, the entire tower collapsed. I was saved by five minutes.

"During our long descent down the stairs, we went through smoke. We were stopped after going down 30 floors because the people from the other floors joined in. We were stopped near the 33rd floor for a long time amid thick haze and were led in different directions. There was total confusion. Then we saw a brigade of firefighters climbing up, they must have been trapped in the building.

"We were close to the 20th floor, we heard another explosion. The walls, the pipes and the floor trembled. The other tower was hit and our tower was wildly shaken. Our escape became more sluggish as the smoke choked the people. Finally when we were close to the bottom, the pipes broke loose and water surged on the stairs with great force. People slipped in panic and got hurt. Then we were led to a murky corridor, blackened by smoke. The wires dangled over us. We waded through 6-inch deep water. When we finally came out of the stairs, we had to tread over fallen debris and broken metal. There was dirt, about 6 inches deep, and smoke so that we could hardly see each other. We were told to walk along the walls.

"During this turmoil, I was surprised that I wasn't affected at all. Somehow the smoke didn't bother me. I just kept breathing normally. I even encouraged the people to keep faith and courage and helped them walk through the rubble.

"When we left the main building, we passed through rubble to get clear out of the complex. There was fire all around and a heavy wind scattered the debris.

"As we left the complex, we heard a big bang and the ground trembled. It was the sound of the collapsing tower from where we had escaped only a few minutes ago. There were more bomb explosions at the bottom of the building…

"I had experienced the hand of God's protection over me."

Laughter and healing at Powerbooks

POWERBOOKS Specialty Store holds a ventriloquist kid show on Sept. 22, 3:30 p.m. at Powerbooks Arnaiz, Makati. Dubbed "Laff and Learn," this show focuses on the joys of reading will be presented by Ony Carcamo, one of the few professional ventriloquists in the country. "Laff and Learn" is for kids of all ages, and even for the kids at heart. Registration fee is P50.

Lyndon Gregorio, creator of the popular comic strip "Beerkada" and author of the best-selling book, "Beerlenium," will hold a book signing for "Beerka Dos" at Powerbooks Megamall on Sept. 22 and at Powerbooks Alabang on Sept. 29. Both signings will start at 2 p.m.

Though laughter is said to be the best medicine, healing comes in various forms of alternative therapies. For those who want to learn more about Reiki, a branch of alternative medicine, Powerbooks will hold a free Reiki Healing seminar on Sept. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Powerbooks Arnaiz, Makati.

The seminar will include a talk on the basics of Reiki, a meditation session plus an actual healing demonstration. Call Powerbooks at 844-4455.

SOROPTIMIST International president Jane Zimmerman is welcomed by SIPR governor Tes Choa and district director Ligaya Tankeh to the 18th Mid-Biennial Conference of Soroptimist International Philippines Region held at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City.

GOINGS-ON

FUND-RAISING PROJECT. The Sibul Ning Aeta Foundation Inc. was launched to help uplift the lives of the Aetas who were displaced by the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. The foundation offers educational assistance, livelihood programs, medical services and better living conditions. It will also present a fund-raising concert featuring The Spirit of '67 band with the Young Once on Sept. 28, 7 p.m., at the Rib-Eye Function Hall on MacArthur Highway in Balibago, Angeles City. Proceeds will fund a two-classroom schoolhouse for the Aetas at Calapi, an ancestral domain in Clark Field, Pampanga. Call (045) 888-8055, (045) 887-2937, or (045) 322-1775.

FREE TRAINING. The Cottage Industry Technology Center (CITC) will conduct one-week free short-term livelihood training courses on basic and advance candle making, handmade papermaking, food processing, holiday décor, bamboo furniture making, carpentry and welding technology. Training courses will be held Oct.1-5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the CITC Compound, 20 Russet St., SSS Village, Marikina City. Call 948-2875 or 942-3974.

LECTURE. The Philippine Librarians Association is sponsoring a lecture on librarians who intend to work and live in Canada, on Sept. 28, 9 a.m., at the TNL Auditorium, The National Library, Ermita, Manila. Call 899-4344, 527-9071 to 73 local 44, 872-2729, 716-0106, 526-8295 or 524-9740.

CONCERT. The UP College of Music will feature noted *kulintang* artist Danongan "Danny" Kalanduyan in a concert dubbed "Pakaragian sa Maguindanao: An Entertainment of Maguindanaon Traditional Kulintang Music" on Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-12 nn, at the Abelardo Hall in UP Diliman, QC. Call 929-6963 or 920-5301 local 4376.

EXHIBIT. The Embassy of Switzerland in Manila, with the San Agustin Museum, presents an international touring exhibition from St. Gallen in Switzerland, "The Abbey of St. Gall—A Cultural Center," at the San Agustin Museum in Intramuros until Oct. 1.

BAZAAR. The Chosen Children Village Foundation and the Abot Pangarap Foundation Inc. are inviting bargain-hunters to the first Merry Merchants Bazaar on Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the ballroom of the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila. Call 832-1546/2760 or 831-3627.

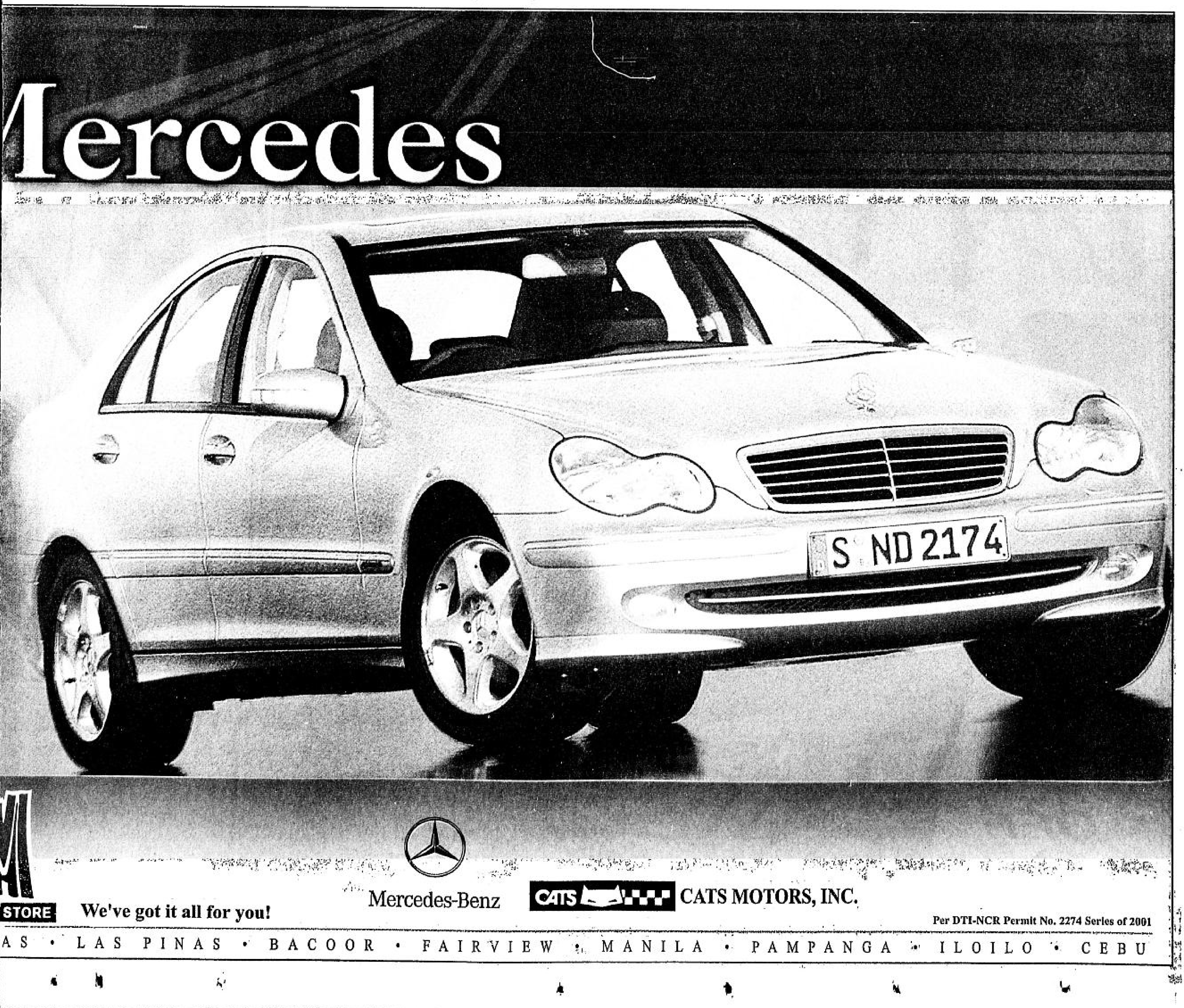
CARD GAME. Ram's Hobby will host a major card game tournament on Sept. 29, at the 4/L Expo Trade and Music Hall, Festival Supermall, Alabang. Call 809-2301.

BAZAAR. The Pearl Bazaar of the Festival Supermall in Filinvest, Alabang (1/L Toll Wing) presents an assortment of Mikimoto, South Sea and cultured pearls until Oct. 3. Call 850-3517 local 255.

MUSIC EVENT. Verbena, a famous Spanish fair where people flock to the town square to enjoy music, dancing, food and drinks, will be recreated at Puerta Real Gardens Intramuros on Sept. 22, 4-9 p.m. Admission is free. Call 434-0306.

TRADE FAIR. The Chamber of Cosmetics Industry of the Philippines will hold a Cosmetic Exhibits and Trade Fair on Sept. 26 to Oct. 3. Dubbed "Christmas in Marikina," this annual event features the latest trends, cool styles, what's hot, what's not and what's new in the cosmetic industry. There will also be a special product seminar and demonstration for young and seasoned entrepreneurs who want to venture into the cosmetic world.

REUNION. The third Sunico family reunion will be held on Nov. 24, 5 p.m. at Father Blanco's Garden, San Agustin Church Compound, Sta. Potenciana Street, Intramuros, Manila. Call Didit Diaz (436-1153), Reni Roxas-Singer (810-6721), Ditas Martelino (364-8069), Lodie Sunico (641-9419), Nena Recto Fuentes (647-1278), Min Sunico (373-4530), Nenita Relucio (631-1939), Rene Sunico (727-5164), Pilar Santos-Ocampo (724-7219) and Arline Torres (781-8854).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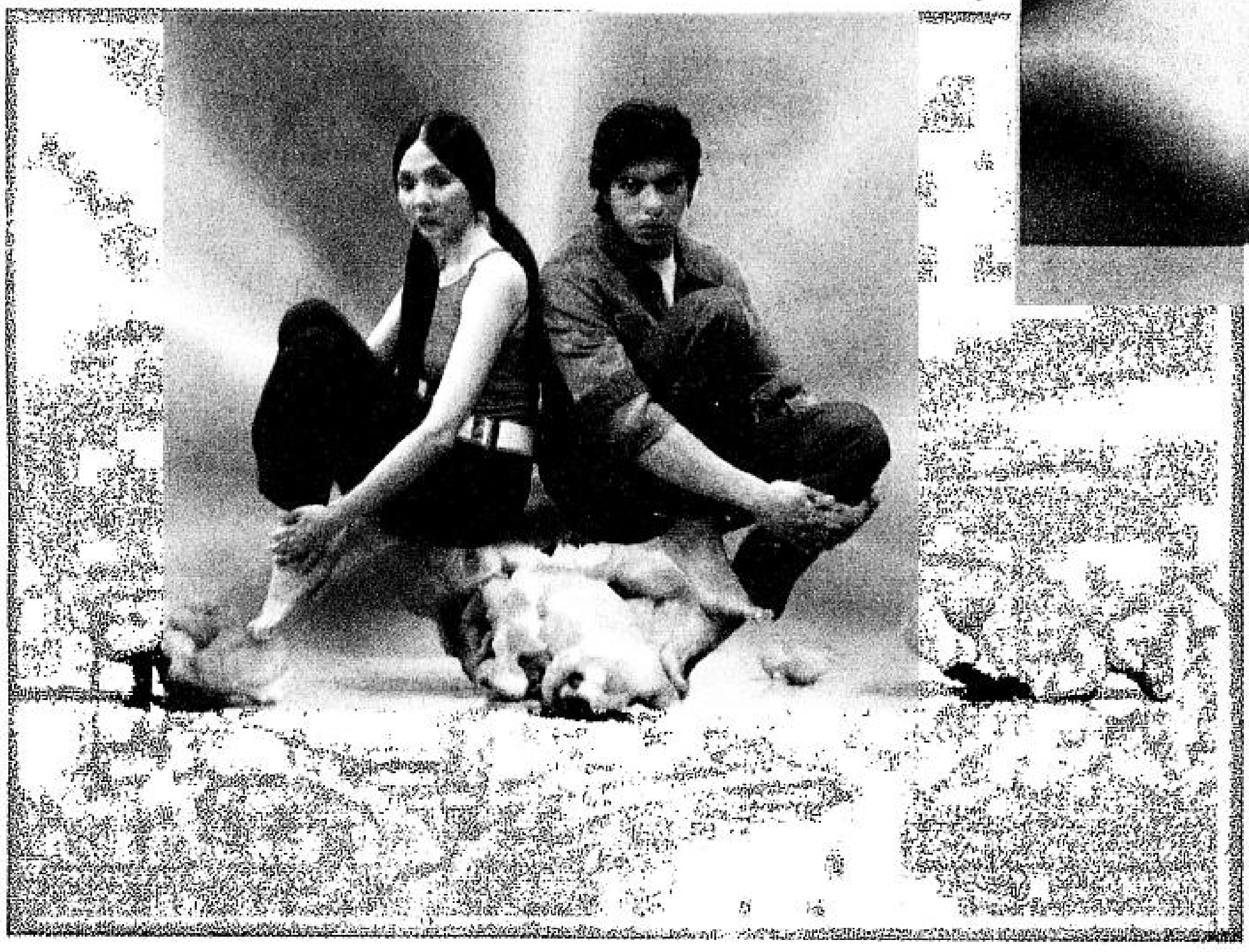
A STRONG color such as this yellow shirt is enhanced when paired with a black nylon skirt and an '80s-inspired red belt.

A BLACK shirt with Buddha print and beige cotton twill pants denote mystery and savvy.



BLACK nylon pants emphasize the vividness of the girl's red shirt for an urban look. Texture is introduced for contrast in a violet corduroy jacket worn with black denims. A light blue T-shirt adds a modish hint of color.

Neutral is natural

White, black and gray are safe, sophisticated colors

By Camille T. Cruz
Photos by Chito Vecina
CONCEPT AND PICTORIAL DIRECTION BY ALBERT AVELLANA
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SOMETIMES, no matter how exciting or trendy the season's latest wardrobe may be, some choose the easy way out and would rather play safe with basic, neutral tones.

When matched together, an ensemble can easily create a sophisticated, casual elegance that does not appear boring or intimidating.

These colors are safe and versatile. Gray actually serves as foundation for the wardrobe. It suggests durability and soundness. It is a good backdrop for such vivid colors as red, magenta and yellow-green. A gray jacket, for instance, can be worn with a khaki bottom for a casual look. When gray is matched with white or black, the look is unpretentious and ambiguous.

White is receptive to every hue. By soaking up the tints, it becomes soft. From cream to parchment, it presents itself to more basic executions. Because this noncolor denotes simplicity, freedom and honesty, it rises above the volatility of fashion. It can be used either as a basic or as an accent.

An intense color, black takes the same role as white as a palette for accessorizing. Shape and form are incisives part of fashion. Because black has ruled fashion, it is a safe color to use when in doubt. It's a great canvas for accent color and lets the wearer create a look that suits his/her character.

CLOTHES AND FOODS: ANONYMOUS
MODELS: GIGI GONZALES AND ROBBIE MANANQUIL
HAIR AND MAKEUP BY LALA FLORES

A WHITE polo shirt and miniskirt with matching belt are contrasted with a moss green knit vest. This combination of a gray shirt and faded denims is masculine.

Hairdressers' Day set on Oct. 9

HAIRDRESSERS' Day will be held on Oct. 9 at the Grand Ballroom of the Manila Midtown Hotel. This annual event is organized by the Filipino Hairdressers Cooperative (Filhair Coop). It gathers some 5,000 participants from all over the country. Theme is "Color Your Way to Success."

Ruth Guingona, wife of Vice President Teofisto Guingona, and Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia, will grace the opening of the event.

"The Hairdressers' Day has become much anticipated by our local beauticians and hairdressers because this is where they learn about the forthcoming styles, new cuts and colors, and be updated on beauty products and equipment for next year," says Filhair Coop president Ricky Reyes.

Competitions in different categories have been slated. They are Commercial Creative Color Styling, Avant-garde Color Styling, Fabulous Grandma Styling, Evening Party Makeup, Men Teenagers, Men's Cut and Blowdry and Wedge Ladies' Cut and Blowdry.

There will be seminar-training sessions on Styles and Cut 2002 and Asia's Cutting Trends to be handled by experts from Thailand, Taiwan and Korea, and Colors 2002, a demonstration of hair colors that will be seen next year.

The affair will be highlighted by Kolours' tribute to the Filipino champions in the 5th Asia-Pacific Beauty Arts Olympics held recently in Kookmin University in Seoul, Korea. To be presented are the winning entries that bested hundreds of others from Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Australia, South Korea, Mongolia, China and the United States.

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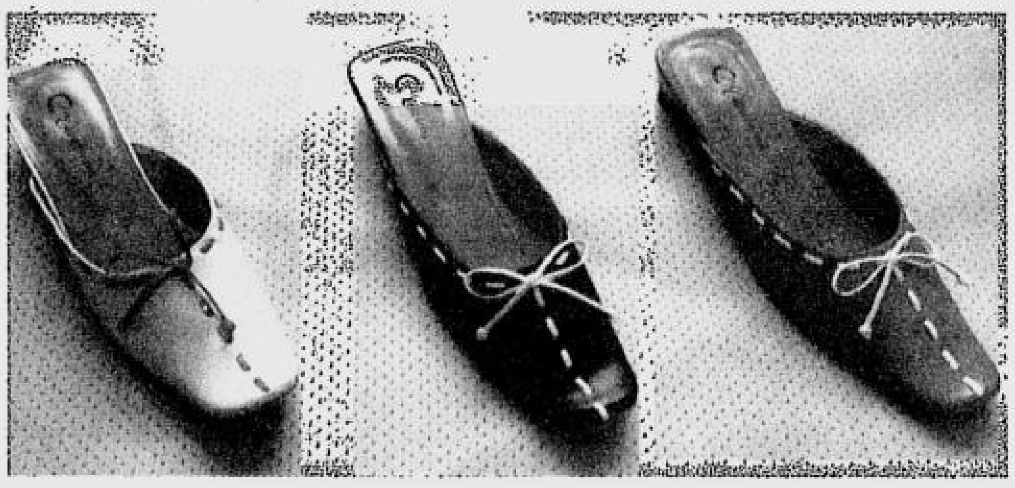
STYLISH leather belt worn with a beige top and denim capri

BELTS are big again. The classic grosgrain belt—that preppie staple makes a comeback after 20 years.

Grosgrain has gone a long way since this ribbed ribbon fabric was first used to reinforce the buttonholes on a cardigan sweater. It has since taken on a fashion edge, now being used for evening pants and jackets, watchbands, and yes, belts.

Today's grosgrain belts range from brights to neutrals in color; slender to broad in width. They're great add-on to a stylish finish with cinch rings' twisted locks, keeper buckles, velcro straps and grommets. Available at the Girls and Teens Wear Department of all SM stores.



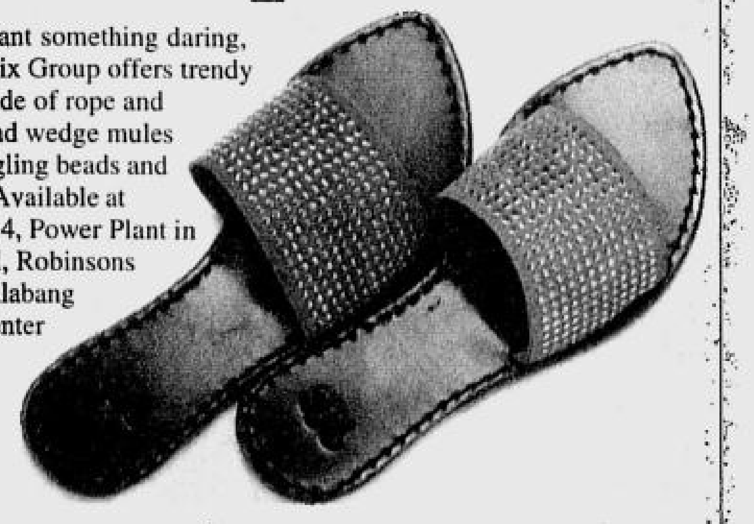
Stepping up to younger fashion

CATERING to a younger market, Cardam's revamps its image by coming up with sexy styles such as strappy sandals, flowery thongs and funky beaded denim slides.

The store also produces faux snakeskin stiletto slides, footwear with rubber soles and garter straps. The leather bowling shoes and high-heeled step-ins come in the vogue color —camel. These are also available in other basic colors like black, beige, red and white.

Cardam's branches are at Marikina Shoe Expo, Ali Mall, Festival Mall, Harrison Plaza, Glorietta 1, Robinsons Place Manila, Robinsons Galleria, SM Centerpoint, SM City Fairview, SM Megamall, SM North Edsa, SM Southmall, Tutuban Centermall, SM City Bacoor, Robinsons Place Imus, SM City Cebu, Robinsons Place Bacolod, Baguio Centermall, N.E. Pacific Cabanatuan and Gaisano Cagayan de Oro.

Toes exposed



IF you want something daring, Celine Mix Group offers trendy slides made of rope and leather and wedge mules with dangling beads and flowers. Available at Glorietta 4, Power Plant in Rockwell, Robinsons Ermita, Alabang Town Center and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

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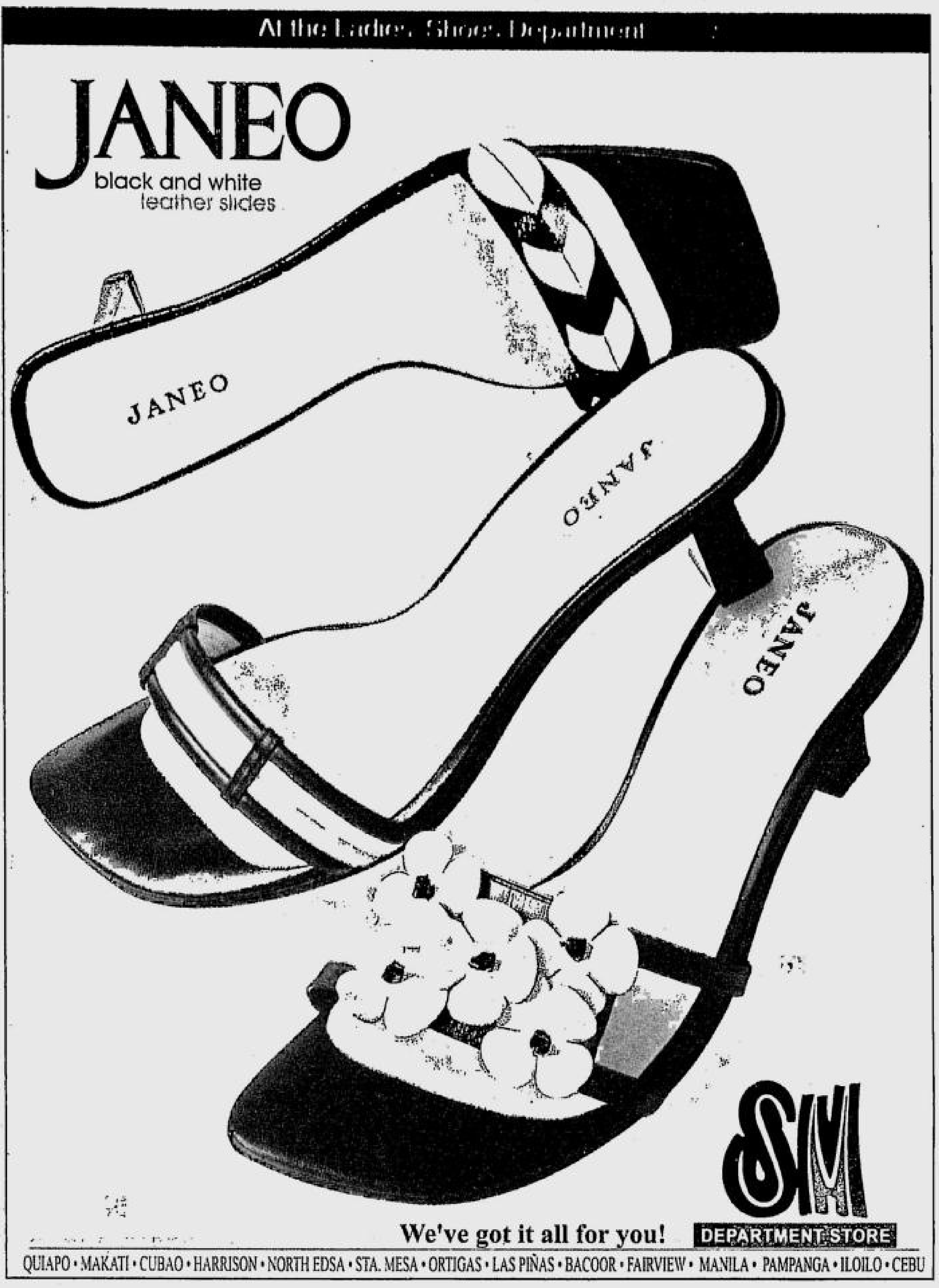
The Dior Perfumed Bath & Body Collection as well as cosmetics and skin-care products are available only at Rustan's.



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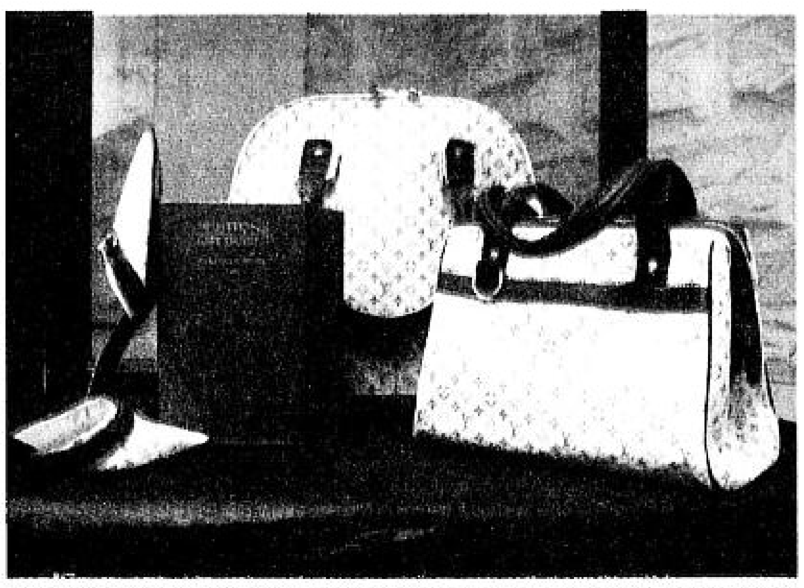

FOR THE TEMPTRESS, 5-cm heeled mules go with the Alma Haut and Josephine bags that keep all your necessities within reach for those busy days.

PHOTOS BY CHITO VECINA
PICTORIAL DIRECTION BY ALBERT AVELLANA

WHOEVER invented tiny purses that fit your credit card, keys and lipstick must be kidding. Women feel more secure with big bags that double as makeup, toiletries and office hardware. Louis Vuitton's Mini Monogram canvas bags and shoes sport flowers and the trademark logo. They're great for traveling or for your office battle gear.

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LAMBERTSON Truex's latest designs in bags are now in Manila.

The new styles feature the characteristic inventive combinations of leathers, styles and colors of Lambertson Truex, the American design house founded in 1998.

Richard Lambertson and John Truex, the partners behind the logo, continue to design and manufacture bags that are both timeless and of-the-moment. The bags have built-in wallets and key holders. Each elegant piece is made to improve with age through superior craftsmanship.

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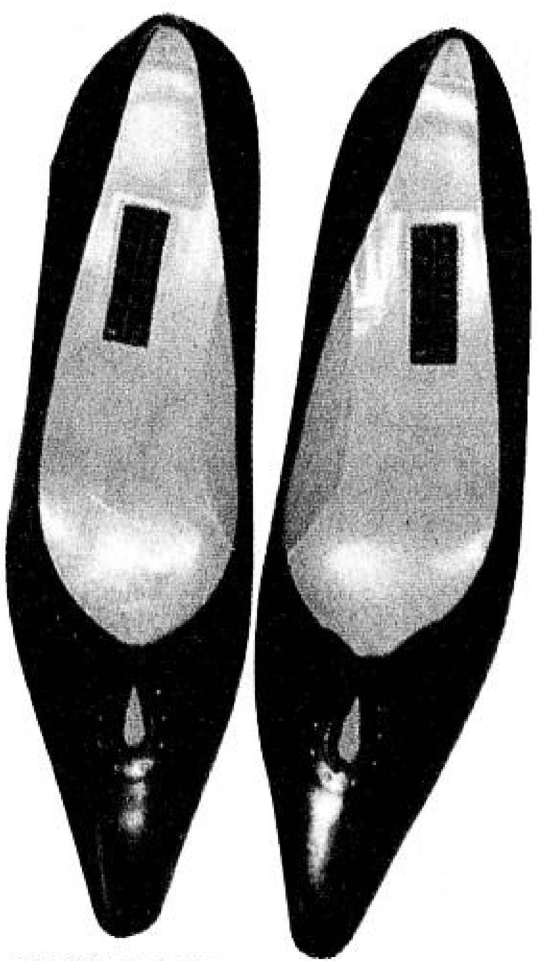

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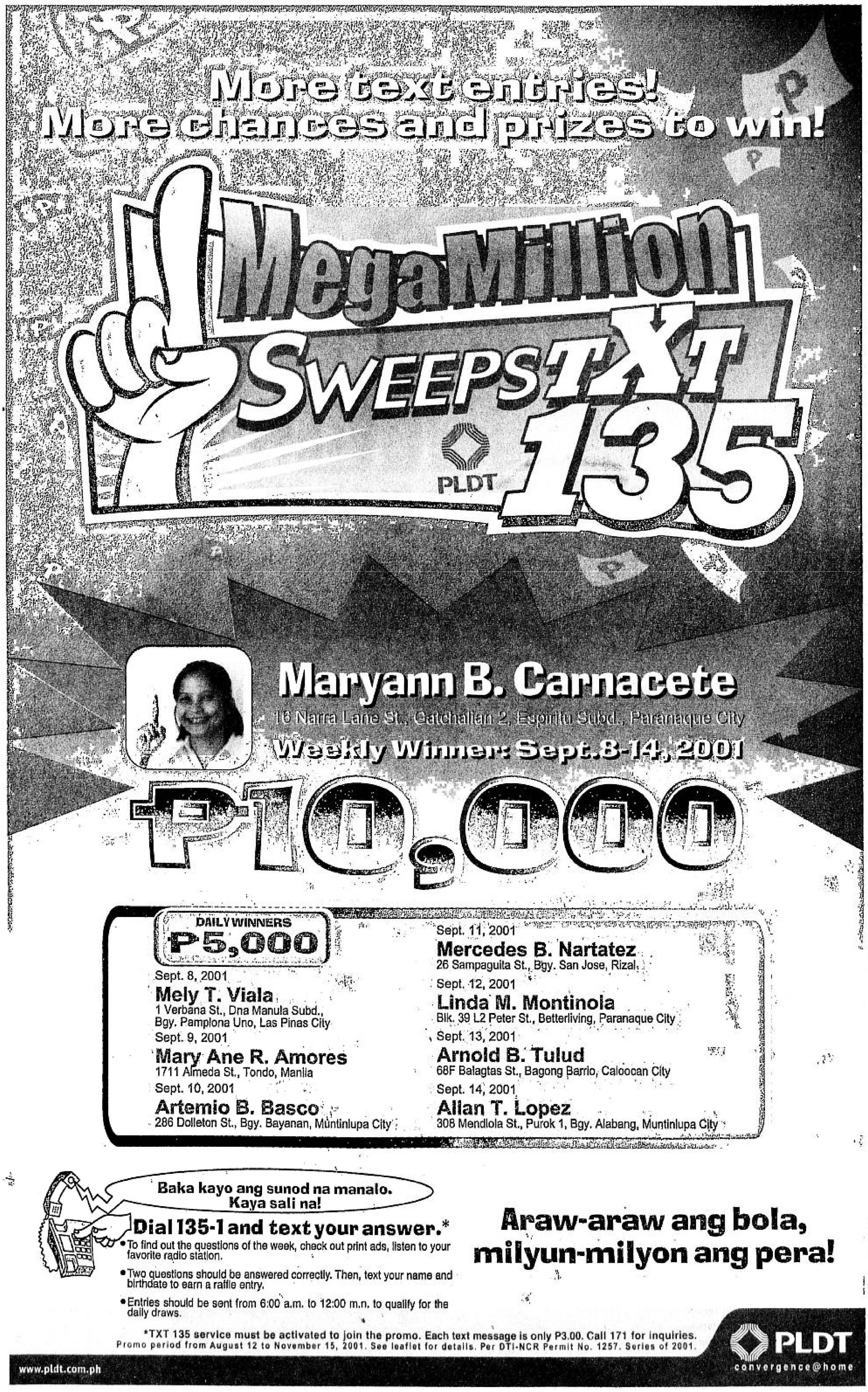

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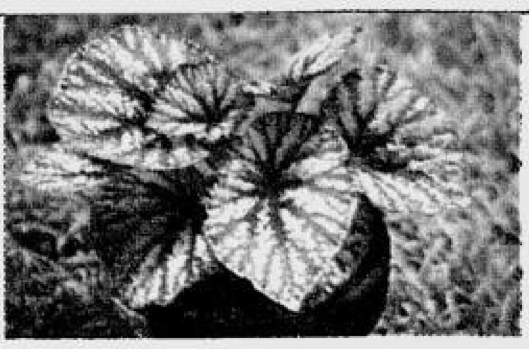

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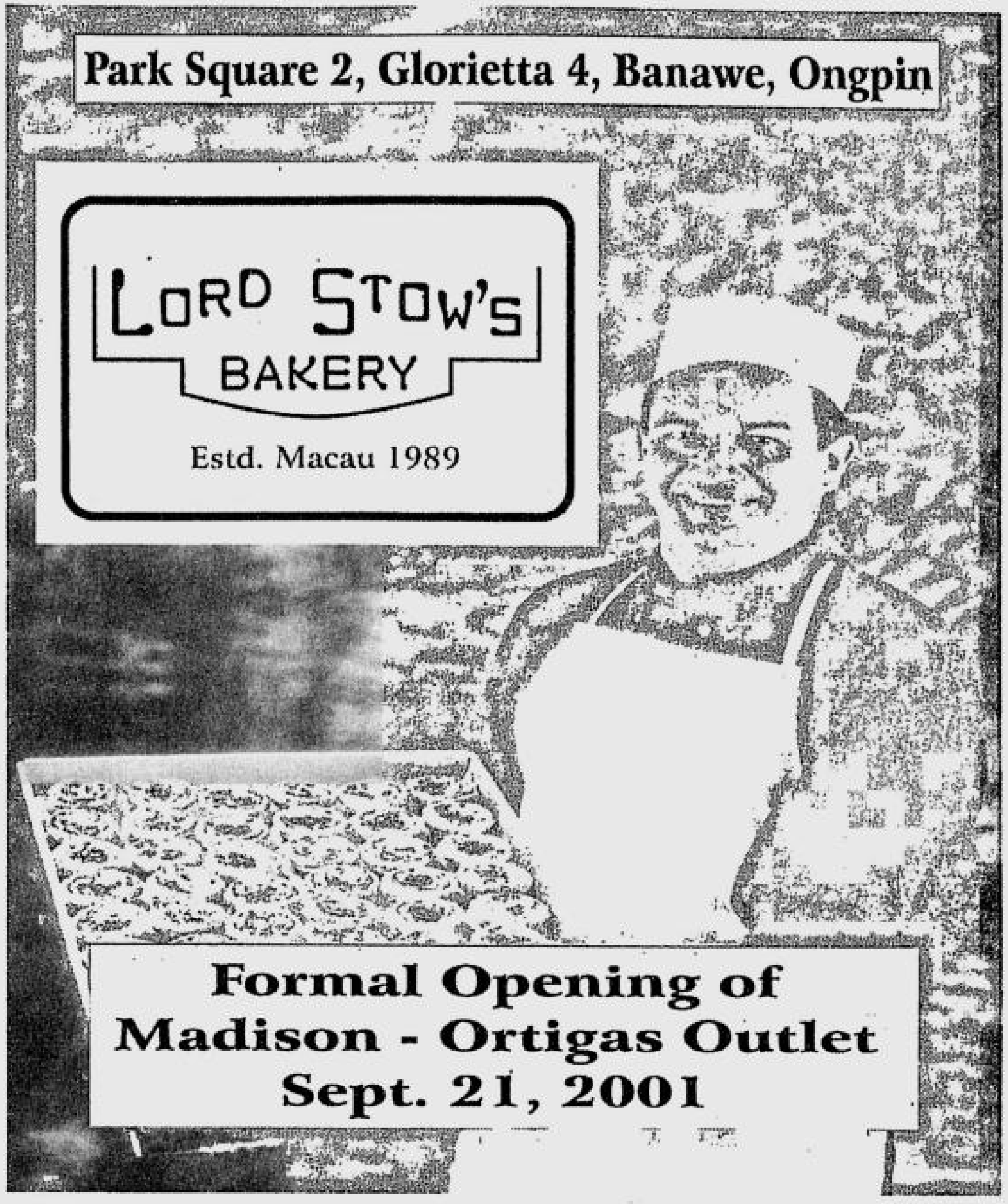

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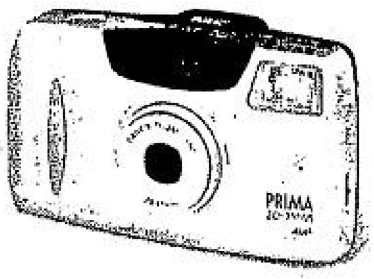

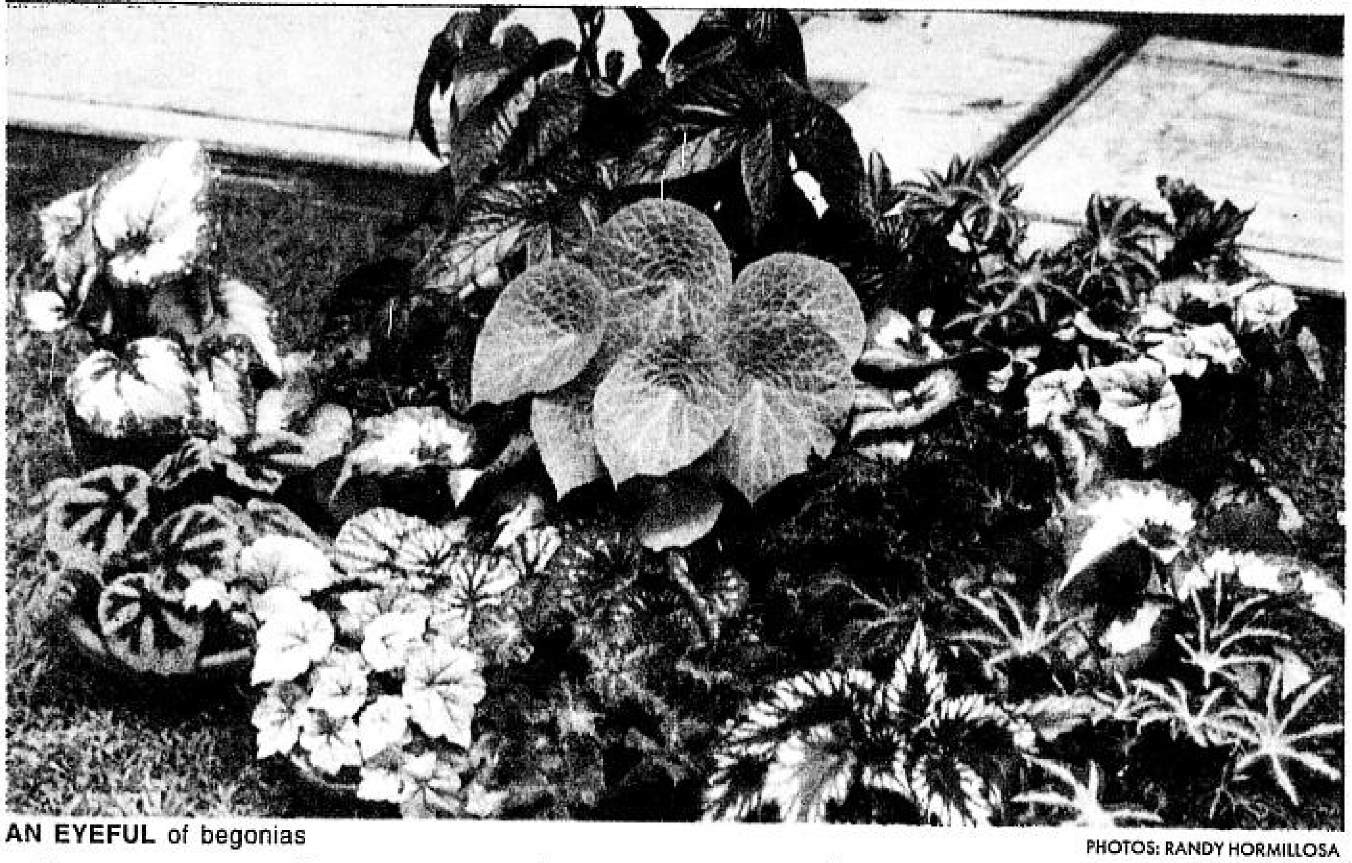

AN EYEFUL of begonias

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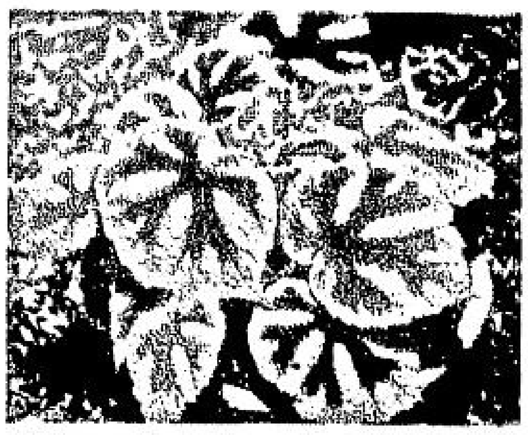
American favorite is housewife's passion

By Tita V. Giron

COLLECTOR Adelina Almazar shows off rare Angel Wing begonia with white flowers and polka-dot leaves.

MOST local garden hobbyists collect orchids, roses, cacti and ferns. But a housewife in Antipolo is an exception. She raises begonias, a favorite houseplant in the United States.

"I love the infinite designs and color combinations on the leaves of begonias. It's like nature went overboard with creative patterns and color combinations," housewife Adelina Almazar explains her passion for the ornamental plant. She adds that the decorative leaves are described in sellers' catalogs as waxy, hirsute, angel wings, eyelash, iron cross, metallica, and rex. The descriptions define the leaves' shape, texture and designs.



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Begonias make good companion plants, too, Almazar tells us. The fragile-looking plants thrive comfortably indoors, provided the place is not too dry or too dark.

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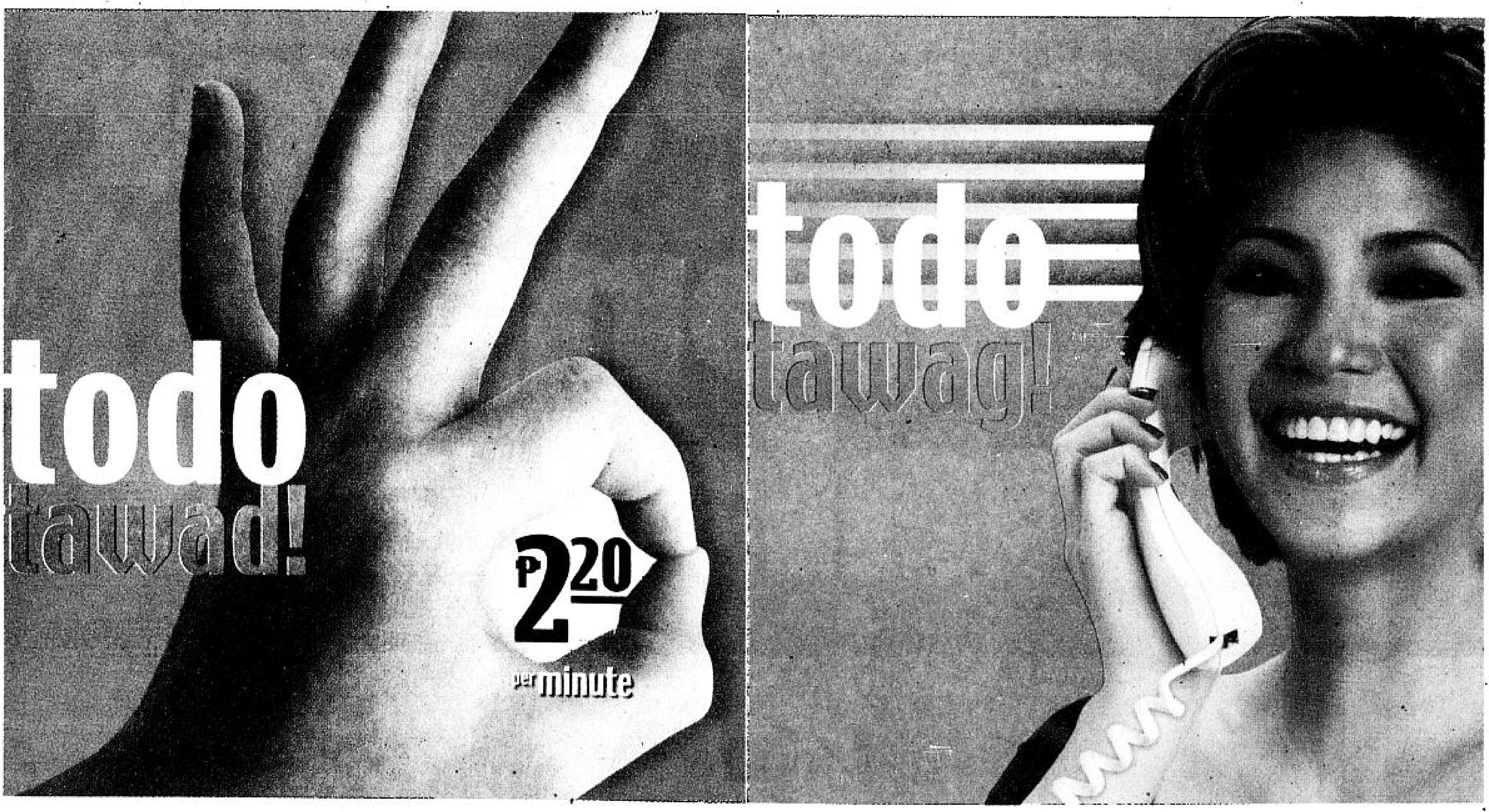

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Bank loves green but not the color of money

IT was in 1992, while the Earth Summit was taking place in Rio de Janeiro, that the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) decided to launch a corporate campaign to protect the environment. Taking up causes like this was not new to the bank, which had long seen the need to balance business with community involvement.

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

In 1989 when a shortage of dollars kept the economy from moving forward, the bank sought to encourage Filipinos to produce export-quality products, and to enhance national discipline through campaigns toward those ends.

So it was that in 1994, it initiated a project called Kuwentong Kalikasan, Katha ng Kabataan (stories on the environment written by children). This is a short-story writing contest on environmental subjects for schoolchildren conducted in two segments—for Grades I-IV and Grades V-VII. Entries can be in English or Filipino, typed or handwritten. Prizes are awarded to individual winners as well as his/her school.

To give further importance to the children's work, the bank publishes the four winning entries in a pamphlet-sized book every year. But the project does not end there. In 1998, RCBC came out with its first hardcover book, containing all the winning stories in a five-year period. Since the project is now on its eighth year, the next big book will be out in 2003. The latest annual KKKK Nature Stories Book is marked Book VIII-2000.

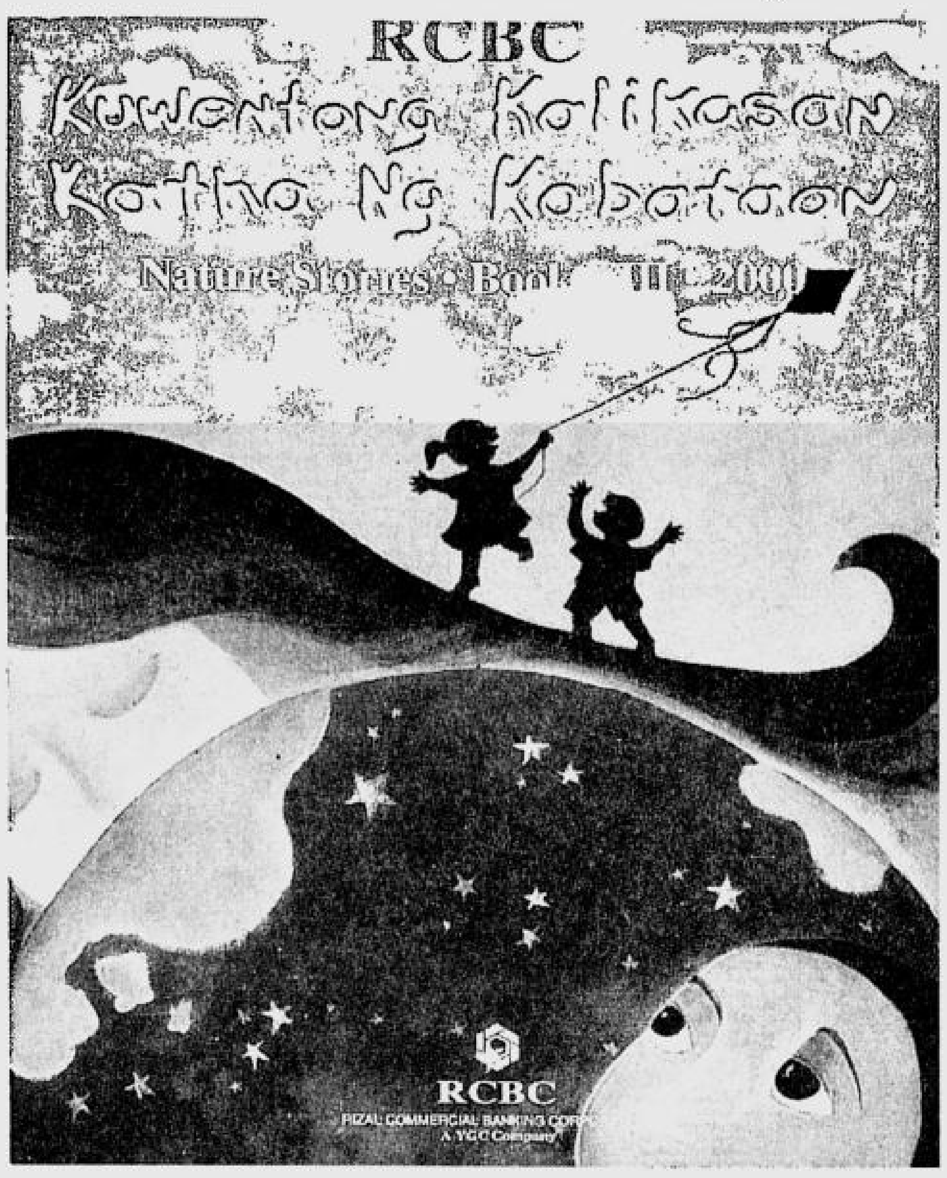
The deadline for submission of entries for this year's competition is Nov. 16. Judging for the final will follow soon after. Awarding ceremonies take place in March next year, coinciding with the publication of the annual book.

Prizes

The KKKK contest is conducted with the cooperation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and schools all over the country that help screen the contestants and their entries at various levels—school, district, division, region—and every step of the way. Judges are from the Philippine Board on Books for Young People.

According to Mary Ann Muñoz, unit head of RCBC's Corporate Communications Department, who is also in charge of the project, the response to the contest is something short of overwhelming, especially since attention is given to far-flung areas and provinces.

The prizes are attractive, too—P30,000 for each winner plus a P25,000 scholarship package from Pacific Plans, a RCBC sister company. The schools of winners receive P20,000 each. Regional finalists get P3,000 in savings accounts. The books, both the annual publication and the five-year compilation, are distributed free to selected schools and municipal libraries nationwide.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Muñoz loves the project. It goes beyond selling the product, in this case, the bank. It is actually an advocacy. Conducting the contest achieves both and the effect on the children who participate cannot be measured. They learn about nature and the environment as they develop their themes and, consequently, how institutions like banks help protect them.

From the output so far, Muñoz says Filipinos can be proud of the talented and creative future writers in their midst. What's more, the student contestants develop an environmental consciousness that is bound to stay with them forever. She quotes Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco's introduction to the first hardcover book: "Kuwentong Kalikasan encourages grade schoolchildren to look around them, appreciate the beauty of nature and share with their fellow students how they can take care of it."

This column takes its hat off to all business offices and corporations that take the time and effort to look out for the environment—and encourage the youth to do the same.

First Natural Health and Nutrition Festival

ONGOING until Sept. 30 is the First Natural Health and Nutrition Festival at the Earthlite Natural Health Village, 4/F COD Department Store Building, Araneta Center, Cubao, QC. For more information, call 421-1866.

Single parent is afraid of marriage

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I am 20 years old, single parent with a 2-year-old son, and a student. After what happened to me, my son has now become my first priority, and my studies second. I really want to finish my course and pursue my chosen profession. I know I can do it. For my son, I am willing to do anything.

It is very hard to be in this position and I am glad that I survived. My problem is that because of my past, I now have a very negative view of marriage. I no longer look forward to it. I am scared that I will never be able to give myself unselfishly again; scared that I will be unable to meet my partner's needs. It might be too soon to say this, I know, but because of the pain and what my previous relationship cost me, I am afraid to love again. Please advise me.

DHENG

You have not mentioned any financial problems in your life now, which means you are blessed to have what you need. You are on the right track, giving priority to your son and to your studies. Live each day to the fullest, offering your life to Him who guides us all.

Erase from your mind fears about a possible future with another man. If someone appears in your life and courts you even if he gets to know about your past, entertain him. Just make sure that what happened in your past does not happen again. If he proposes marriage, well and good. However, if he is only trying to have that kind of closeness with you because you also love him, then turn to the power of your mind and your conscience.

My advice now in a nutshell: finish your course, live your life to the fullest, bring your son regularly to a pediatrician for a check-up; let him feel your love. Positive thinking, *hija*. Don't let your fear of the future paralyze you. If, in the years ahead, a man comes into your life, tell him you do not want to get physically involved again. It will likely make him respect you more and possibly propose marriage. If he stays away because you deny him, then thank your lucky stars. Forget him and stay happy and serene.

Looking for a St. Benedict Medal

I WOULD like to know where I can buy a St. Benedict's medal. Would you also know of a Benedictine priest or a Benedictine church in Manila? I heard that the medal would have to be properly blessed to be effective. Is this true? Thank you!

LUDIBINA

You can buy medals of St. Benedict in at least two places—at the bookstore of St. Benedict College in Alabang Hills Village, Muntinlupa (Rev. Fr. Aloysius A. Maranan, O.S.B., is the rector) or from the bookstore of San Beda College on Mendiola (the head there is Rev. Fr. Tarcision Ma. H. Narcisco, O.S.B.).

Readers who would like to know more about the history of St. Benedict can inquire from the San Beda College bookstore. St. Benedict was the father of Western Monasticism. What I know is that the medal can help in exorcism. It is kept in homes to keep away evil. All sacramentals are to be blessed. When you buy the medals, you can request for a special blessing from one of the abbots. It is also believed that for the medal to work, it has to be given. However, I think that is only a superstition. You see, when you have your rosary blessed, you hold it in your hand, the same as any medal.

Good luck. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Buy a St. Benedict medal. Better safe than sorry.

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American favorite is housewife's passion

(From page E2)

To keep them cool, potted plants are placed on top of a tray filled with wet stones. Moisture from the stones and the indoor temperature combine to create the right humidity required by the plants.

Most of Almazar's begonias are grown inside the garden greenhouse with a layer of fishnet for the roof to reduce the glare and heat of the noontime sun.

The plants grow among ferns, African violets, lipstick vines and other ornamental plants.

Begonia greenhouse

In her garden in Antipolo, Almazar's collection includes short ground creepers, tall angel wings and short-stemmed varieties. There are rex types with beautiful designs that remind us of batik cloth. Iron cross has seersucker leaves. The center is embossed with a well-defined iron cross. This variety is also called *B. masoniana*.

Eyelash has "hairs" along the fringes of the leaves. It is a small creeper that spills over hanging planters. According to Almazar, "The sellers describe this particular variety as foliage begonias with hairy leaves, emerald green color and broken chocolate-brown margin. Their flowers are pink or white."

The pride of the lot is a tall angel wing with unique polka dots on the leaves. "I was told it was a true native species of the Philippines. This particular variety is rare because it has white flowers while the others have pink blossoms," Almazar says. The polka-dot begonia is a lanky beauty with waxy leaves and bamboo-like stems, *Semperflorens*, as the name suggests, is always in bloom. It is a favorite border plant and grows well under the sun. Almazar adds that it can be grown on window plant boxes.

Joys of multiplying plants

She obviously enjoys propagating the plants as she showed us what to do.

"Get a mature leaf. Trim off the edges but leave center of the leaf and about two inches of stem. Use a sharp blade or knife and make incisions across prominent leaf veins. Dig a diagonal hole in the soil. Insert the stem in such a way that the incisions touch the soil. Young plants will emerge from the incisions or from the base of the leaf."

She also has tricks for producing new plants. "Take a leaf cutting with a long stem. Immerse the stem in moist gravel or a glass of water. After several days, a young plant will grow from the base of the stem."

The begonia fancier demonstrated how to divide clumps of begonias to make several potted plants: Remove soil around the clump. Soak in a pail of water. Rinse off and plant separately.

"You can also make new plants by cutting long creeping rhizomes," she adds, slicing through the middle of a long rhizome, then inserting a coin in the cut to separate the new plant from its mother. "Wait for the cut to heal and separate the propagation."

With her bag of tricks, we will not be surprised to see her sell propagations of her rare begonias at the next garden show. She did that with the African violets she bought during her travels abroad.

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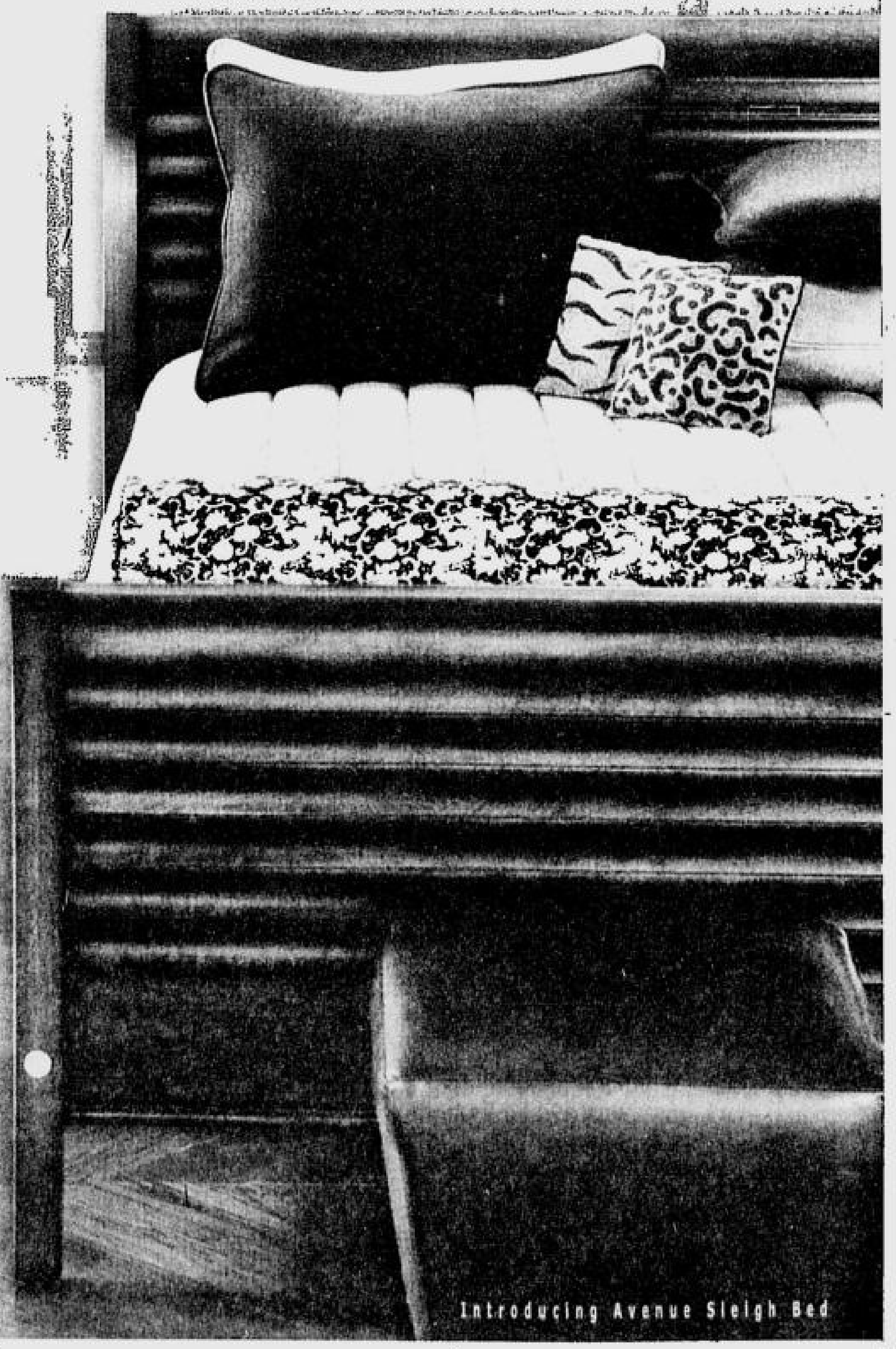

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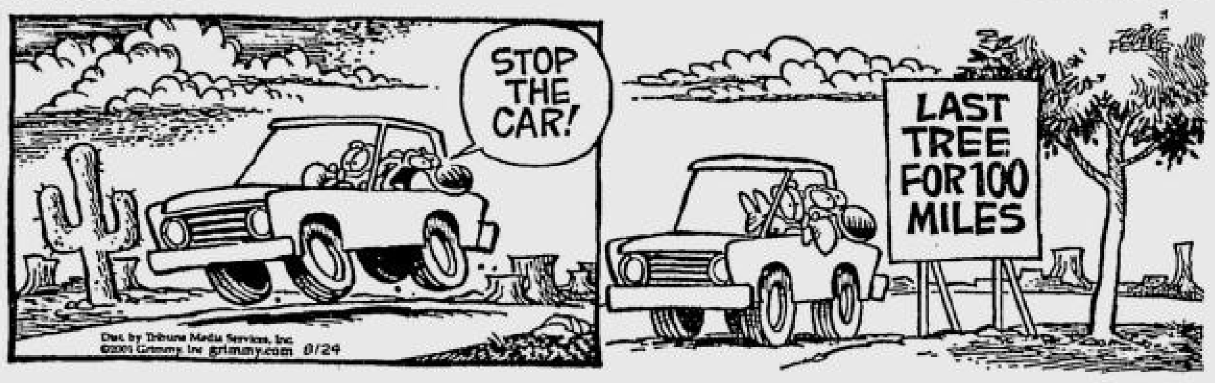
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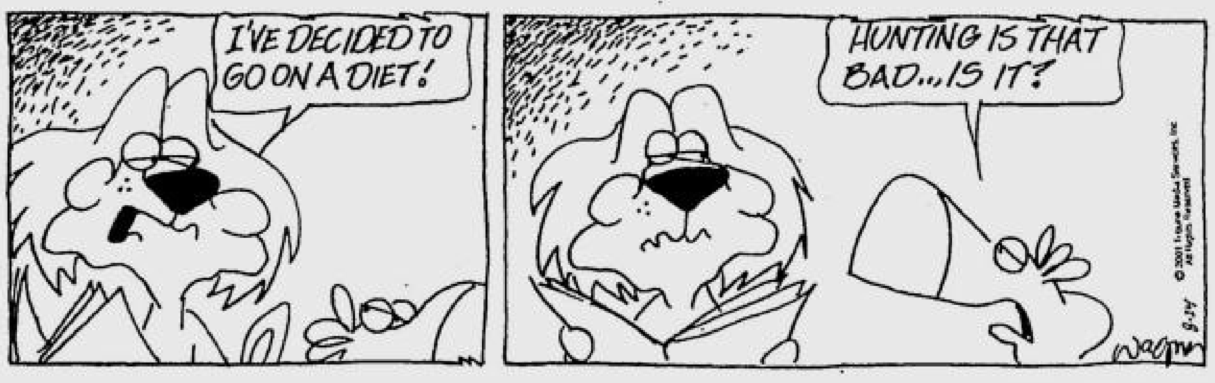
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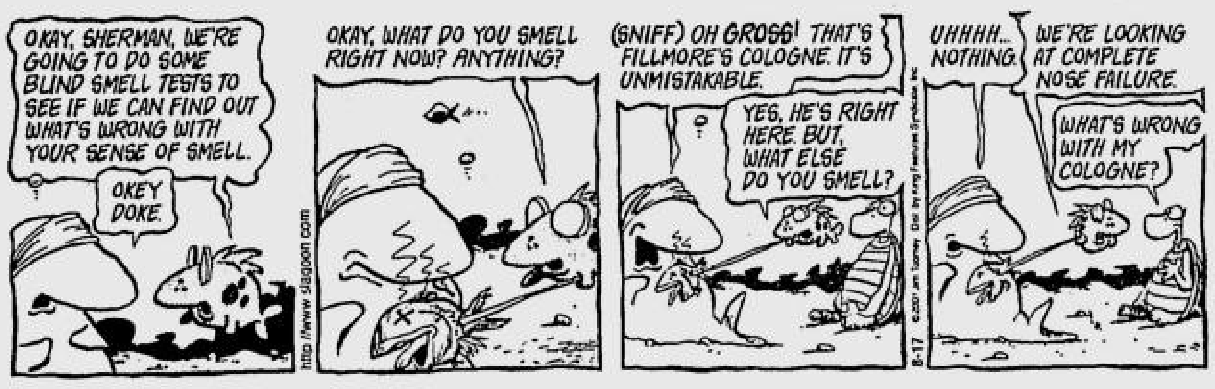
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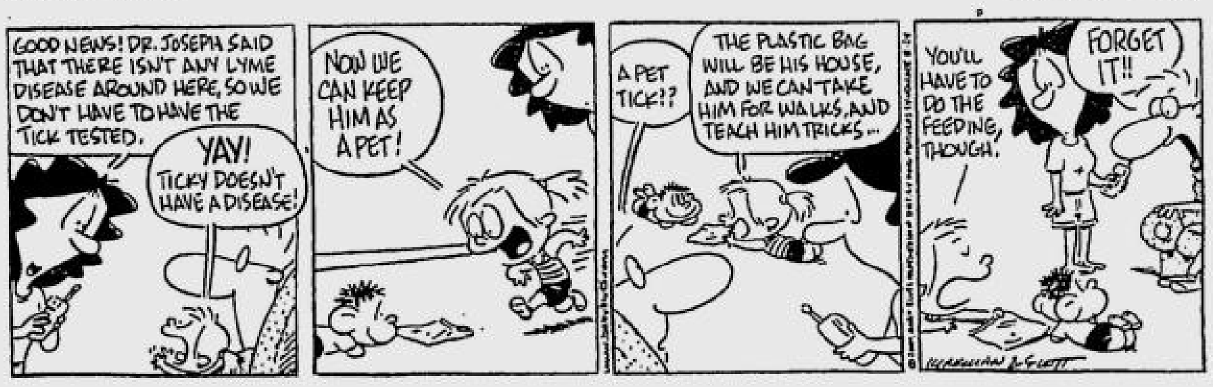
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have problems with peers. Now is the time to develop your brilliant ideas, but don't share them with others yet. Sit back, observe and wait until the timing is better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spend time learning new information through travel or discussions. Socializing will lead to interesting connections that could turn out to be long-lasting and intimate.

Birthday Baby: You are on a mission and won't stop until you find what you're looking for. You are a seeker of truth and justice and will always fight for those unable to fight for themselves.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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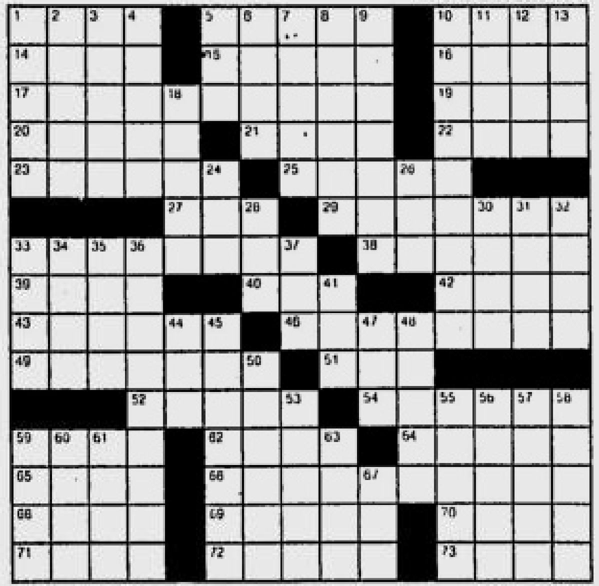
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By Randall J. Hartman
Escondido, CA

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1 Padlock holder
5 Out-of-date
10 Louisville Sluggers
14 Workplace watchdog grp.
15 Author Jong
16 Mine entrance
17 Clinton's problem
19 New Haven university
20 __ firma
21 Warp
22 Portent
23 Punctual
25 Flourish on a letter
27 Past prime
29 Hold in abeyance
33 Future Girl Scouts
38 Tropical drink
39 Kilauea flow
40 __ Paulo
42 Dig up by the roots
43 Tickled pink
46 Deep-rooted prejudices
49 Takes out text
51 Island garland
52 Takes five
54 Will's contents
59 At the party alone
62 "__ Don't Preach"
64 Blush
65 Scarlett's home
66 Reagan's problem
68 Departure
69 Medicinal plant
70 Dines
71 Broad
72 Test composition
73 Upslope

DOWN
1 Words in "Self-Help" titles
2 Pallid
3 T follower?
4 "Gloria __"
5 Sunday seat
6 Riyadh resident
7 Web locations
8 Spectacles
9 Tympanum
10 Kennedy's problem
11 First person?
12 Roof piece
13 "Nana" star Anna
18 De Valera of Ireland
24 Samuel's mentor
26 OT book
28 __ Moines
30 To be, in Toulon
31 Naval: pref.
32 Claim to a share
33 Used leeches
34 Death rattle
35 Track shape
36 Nixon's problem
37 Playwright Shepard
41 Lubricant
44 Summer, in Toulon
45 Regard with disdain
47 Maiden name lead-in
48 "Saturday Night Fever" craze
50 Gawks
53 Bridges
55 Copier additive
56 Mongolian range
57 Wrongful acts
58 Wipe out
59 Mulligan's dish
60 Hirsch sitcom
61 Saharan
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67 Small, low islet

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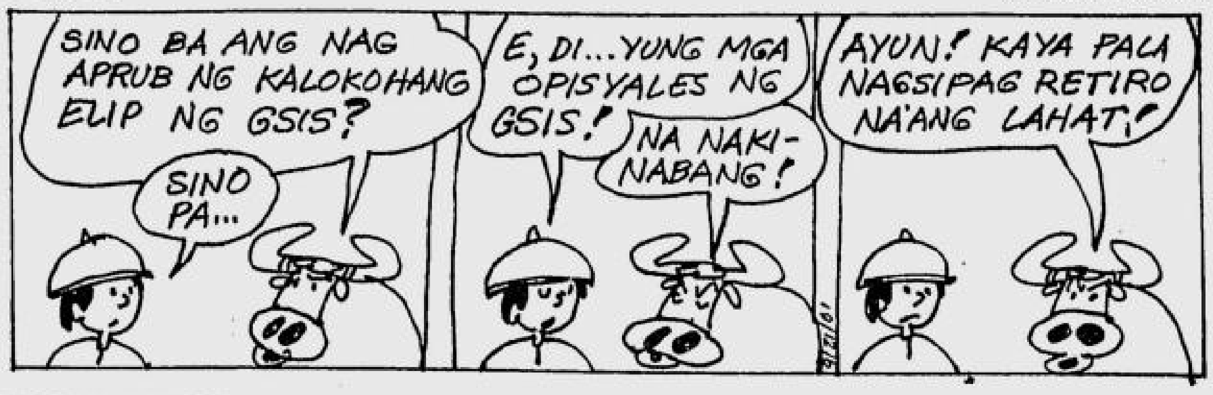
SINO BA ANG NAG APRUB NG KALOKOHANG ELIP NG GSIS?
SINO PA...
E, DI...YUNG MGA OPISYALES NG GSIS!
NA NAKI-NABANG!
AYUN! KAYA PALA NAGSIPAG RETIRO NA'ANG LAHAT!

PUGAD BABOY

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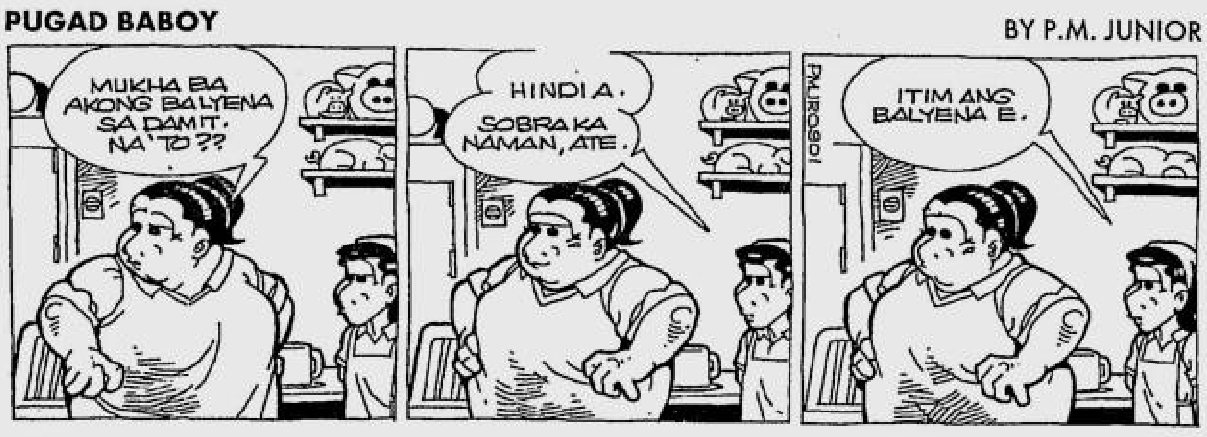
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ITIM ANG BALYENA E.
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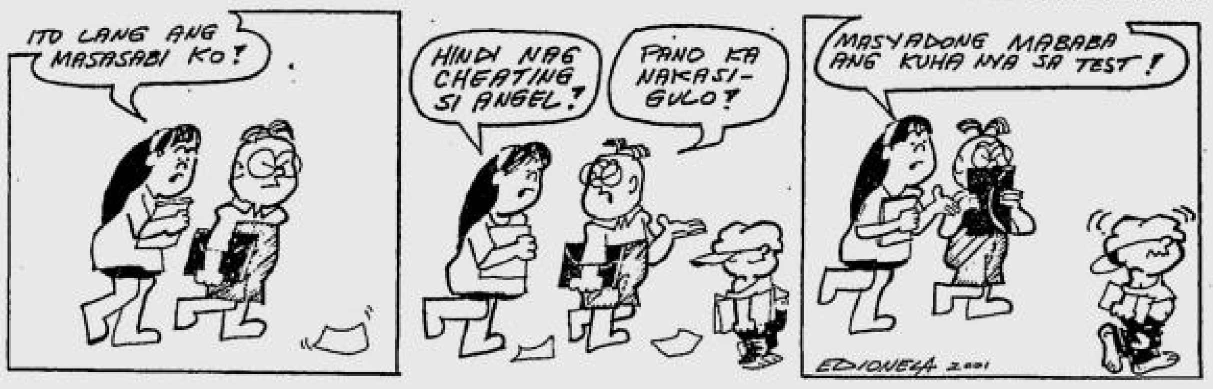
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HINDI NAG CHEATING SI ANGEL!
PANO KA NAKASI-GULO?
MASYADONG MABABA ANG KUHA NYA SA TEST!
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B1 GANG

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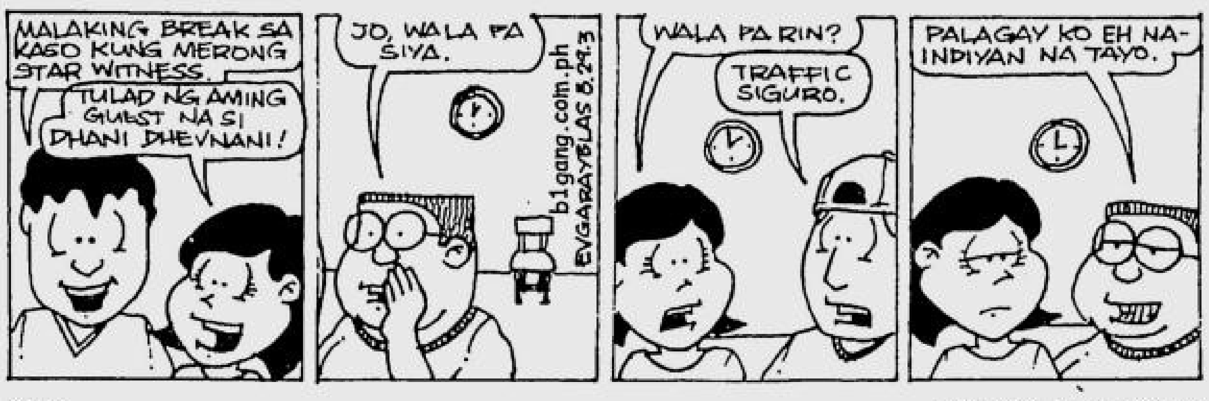
MALAKING BREAK SA KASO KUNG MERONG STAR WITNESS.
TULAD NG AMING GUEST NA SI DHANI DHEVNANI!
JO, WALA PA SIYA.
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PALAGAY KO EH NA-INDIYAN NA TAYO.

BEN

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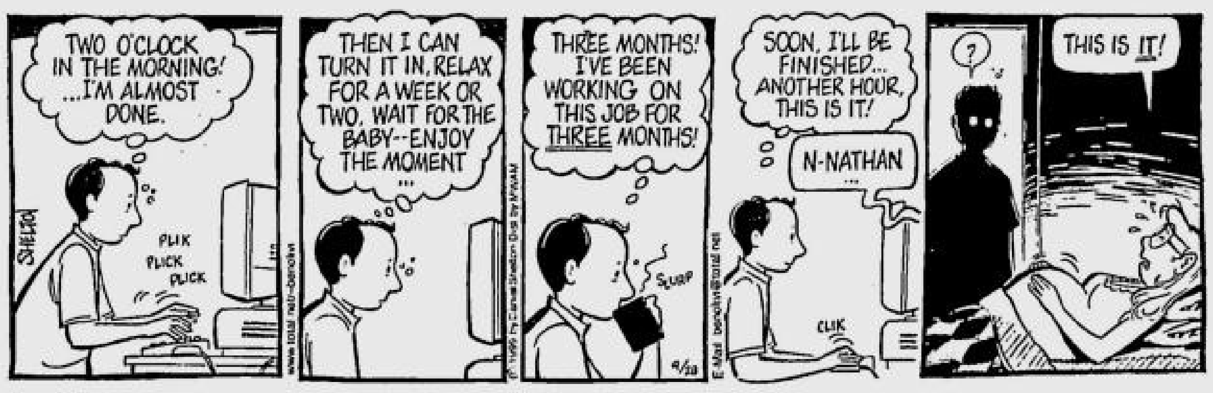
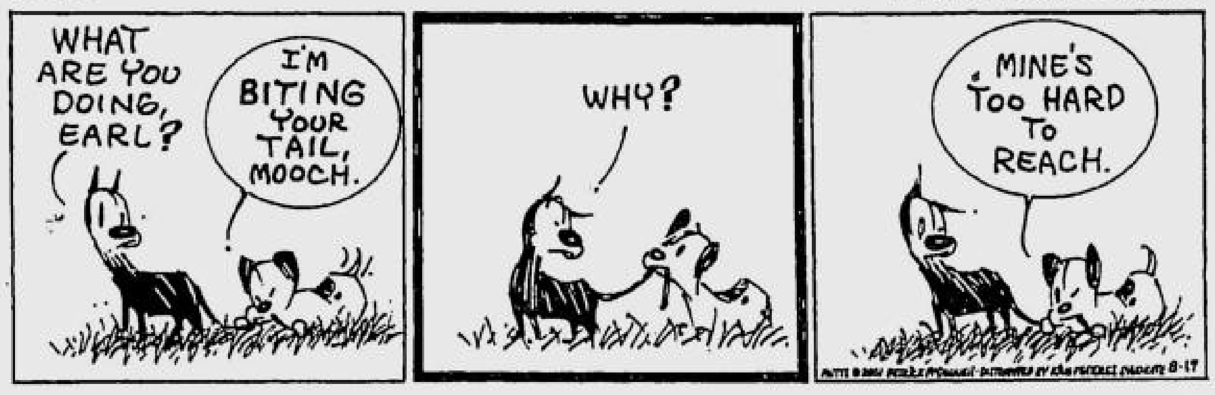

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING! ...I'M ALMOST DONE.
PLIK PLICK PLICK
THEN I CAN TURN IT IN, RELAX FOR A WEEK OR TWO, WAIT FOR THE BABY--ENJOY THE MOMENT ...
THREE MONTHS! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS JOB FOR THREE MONTHS!
SLURP
SOON, I'LL BE FINISHED... ANOTHER HOUR, THIS IS IT!
N-NATHAN ...
CLIK
?
THIS IS IT!

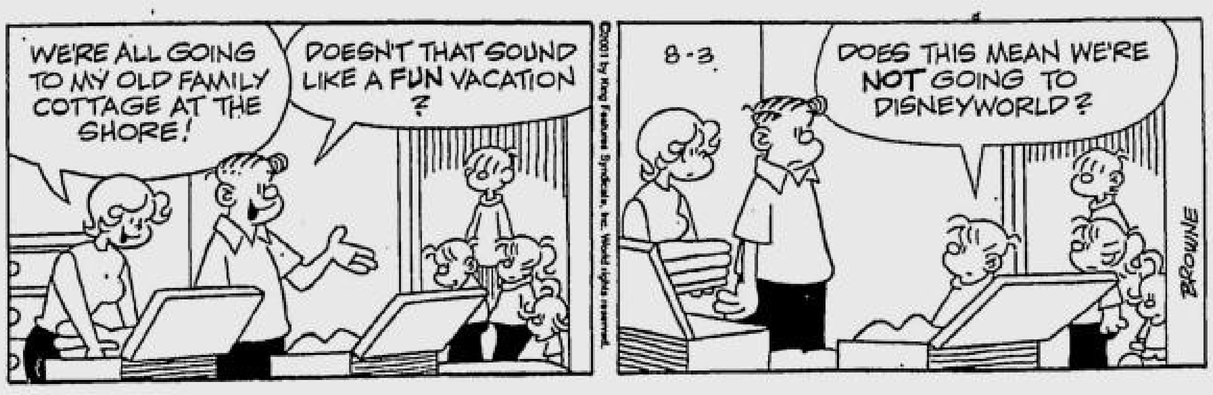
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, EARL?
I'M BITING YOUR TAIL, MOOCH.
WHY?
MINE'S TOO HARD TO REACH.

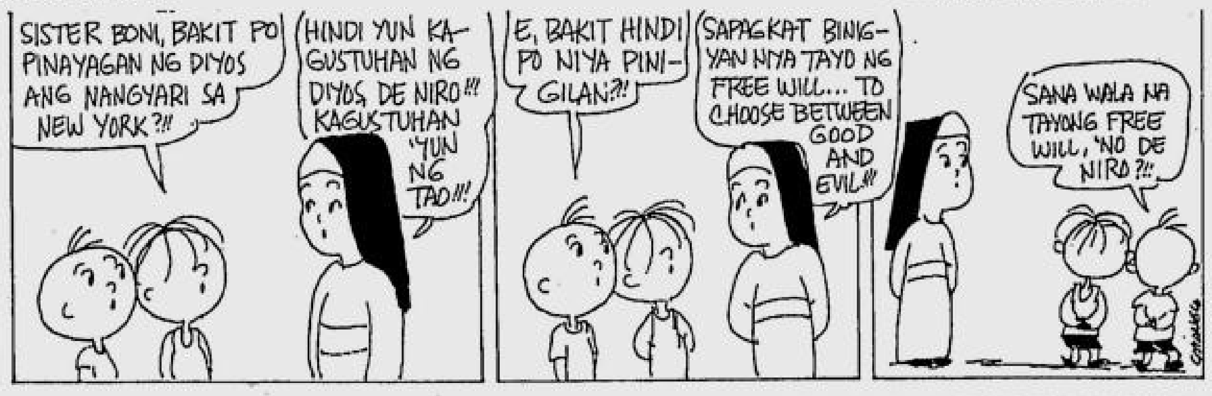
HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


WE'RE ALL GOING TO MY OLD FAMILY COTTAGE AT THE SHORE!
DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE A FUN VACATION?
8-3
DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE NOT GOING TO DISNEYWORLD?
BROWNE

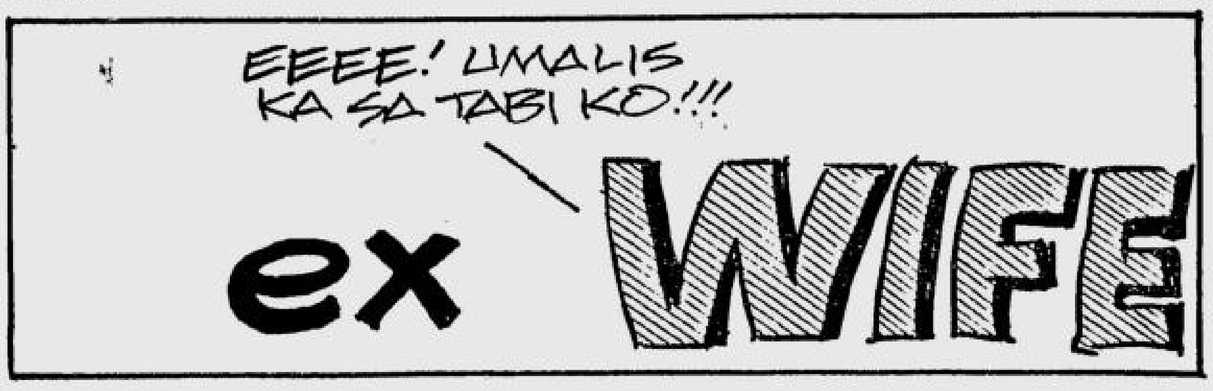
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


SISTER BONI, BAKIT PO PINAYAGAN NG DIYOS ANG NANGYARI SA NEW YORK?!!
HINDI YUN KA-GUSTUHAN NG DIYOS, DE NIRO!!! KAGUSTUHAN 'YUN NG TAO!!!
E, BAKIT HINDI PO NIYA PINI-GILAN?!!
SAPAGKAT BINIG-YAN NIYA TAYO NG FREE WILL... TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL!!!
SANA WALA NA TAYONG FREE WILL, 'NO DE NIRO?!!

TULDOK

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING


EEEE! UMALIS KA SA TABI KO!!!
ex
WIFE

Annual orchid sale ends Sept. 30

CORAZON Purificacion with her marigolds at her Alfonso Farm

THE PURIFICACION Orchids is holding its traditional annual grand exhibit and sale of orchids and ornamental plants in all its branches at the Manila Seedling Bank, Quezon Avenue corner Edsa, QC; SM City North Edsa, SM Megamall and SM Supermall in San Fernando, Pampanga until Sept. 30.

This year's show pays tribute to Eric Purificacion, a young orchid grower, breeder and collector who died in a car accident early this year, by showcasing his vast collection of orchids and ornamental plants, many of which are award-winners.

Many of the plants now available at Purificacion Orchids used to be difficult to find and expensive. Eric's successful techniques in propagation and breeding allowed the plants to be sold at very affordable prices.

The ongoing exhibit includes a display of a wide selection of imported breeds of orchid from Hawaii, Thailand and Malaysia. Various potting media for different types of plants formulated by the Purificacion nursery research team in Alfonso, Cavite are also available.

Occasional plant clinics will be conducted in all five branches of the Purificacion Orchids Inc. by Cora and Anna Ruth Purificacion, Eric's mother and sister, respectively.

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Los Baños garden show opens Oct. 5

ORNAMENTAL and flowering plant hybrids developed by Filipino horticulturists will be exhibited at the flower and garden show at the University of the Philippines Los Baños in Laguna on Oct. 5-14.

Dr. Jean Lasap, president of the Los Baños Orchid Society, said top florists from Flower Club Philippines will demonstrate the many uses of leaves in flower arrangements during lecture and demonstration sessions.

Commercial booths will sell popular plants at half the Manila prices. Expected to be on sale are palms, *spathiphyllum*, bromeliads, palms, Boston ferns and *dieffenbachia*.

ARUNEE Beauty

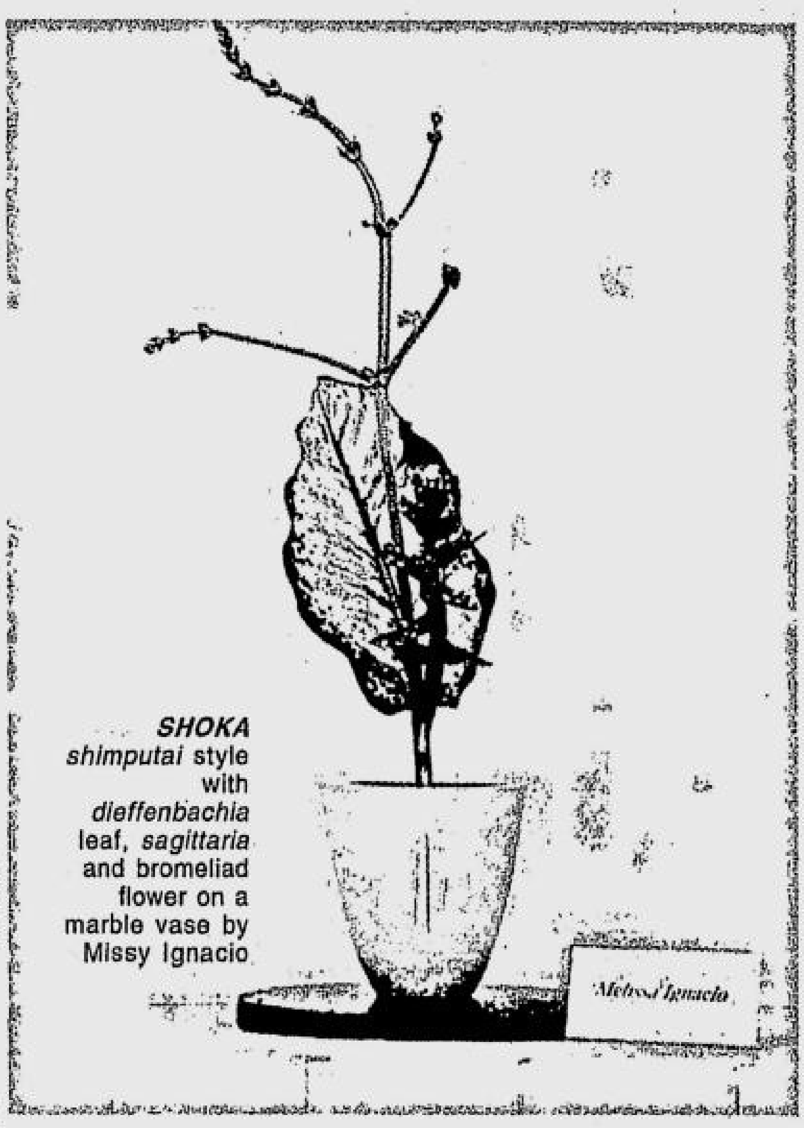
Ikebana shows in October

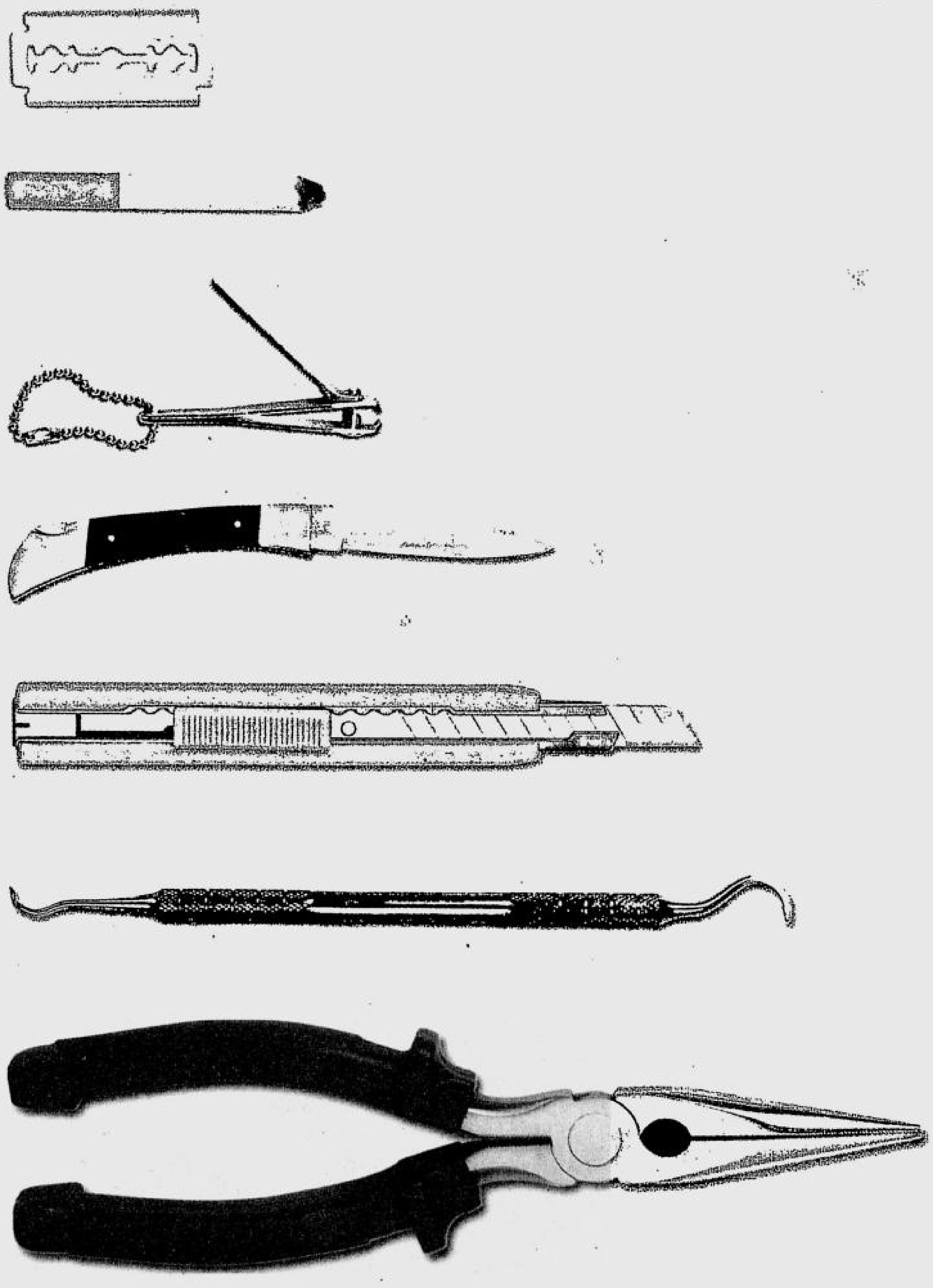
THE IKENOBO Ikebana Society of Manila will hold a free exhibit of basic and free styles floral arrangements on Oct. 2-12 at the Automatic Center Corporate Showroom, Herrera corner Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

The exhibit is held in cooperation with the Automatic Center and Blims.

First set of exhibitors on Oct. 2-5 are Nonette Hubilla, Missy Ignacio, Joyce Kato, Julie Villareal, Tess Calunsod, Tita del Rosario and Aida Villanueva. Exhibitors for Oct. 9-12 are John Go Hoc, Dr. Lupe Lazaro, Jenny Ledonio, Mila Sumulong, Fidel Sobremonte, Liling Nuguid and Fely Gupit.

Serapion Metilla, president of the society, will give lecture-demonstrations on Moribana, Nageire and Shoka on Oct. 5 and free styles on Oct. 12. Both lectures will be held at 3-5 p.m. Exhibits will be open at 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Call Dally Banzon at 436-6580 or 426-0093.


***SHOKA** shimputai* style with *dieffenbachia* leaf, *sagittaria* and bromeliad flower on a marble vase by Missy Ignacio



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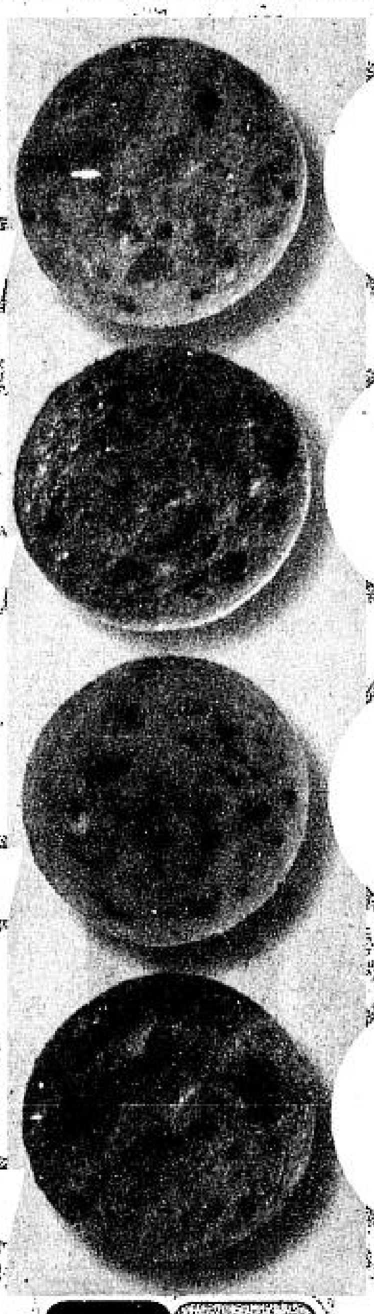
The store boasts of a friendly and service-oriented staff. Salespeople are highly competent and knowledgeable on the products in the store. Abenson has grown with its customers and the market it serves, continuing to offer new products and services.

Already with 40 branches all over the Philippines, Abenson still seeks to expand in an effort to reach almost every Filipino home.



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(Story on page F6)

NOLIE Hans shows his forte in appliques in this black orchid on the bandeau with crisscross straps, worn over a fuchsia skirt

Heil, Herr Hans!

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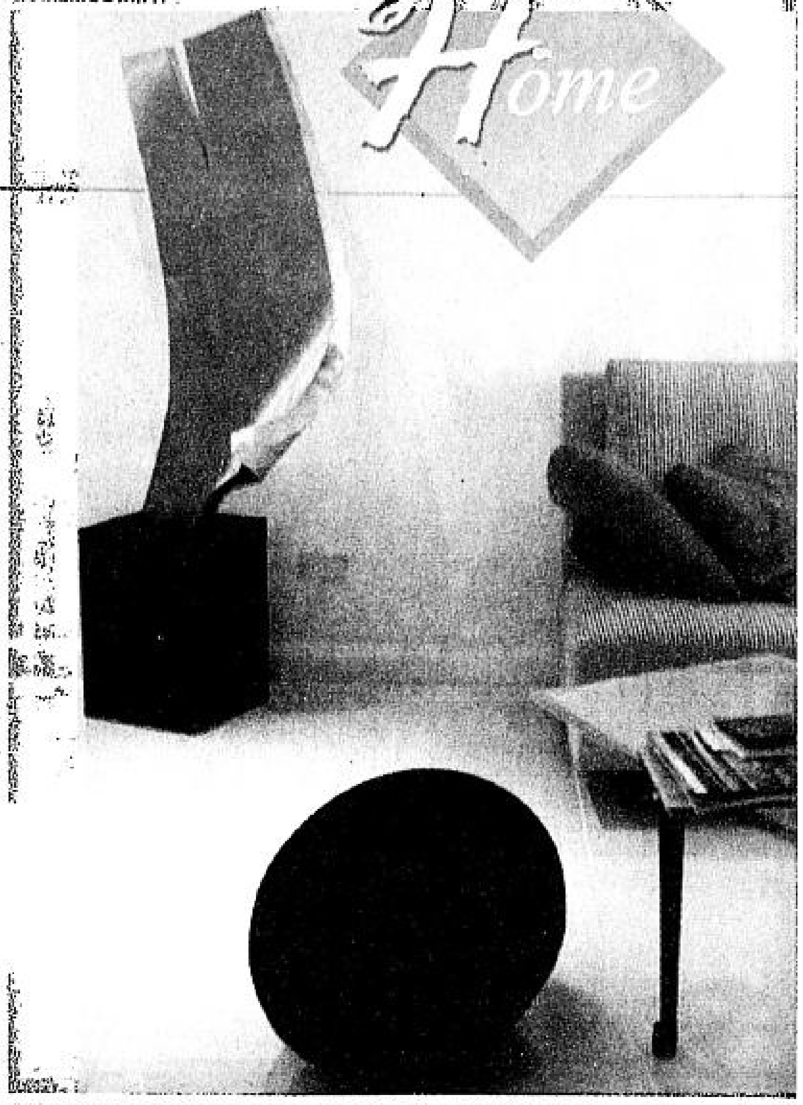

AN UPHOLSTERED stool, the Tato chair from Domani, stands in the foreground. A Lor Calma sculpture in brass calls to mind a sheet of cut paper curled on the edge. *(Story on page F2)*

Banking on a meditative lifestyle

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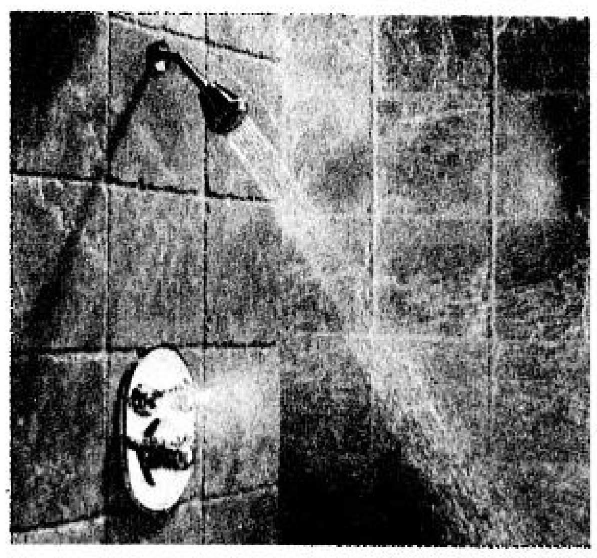

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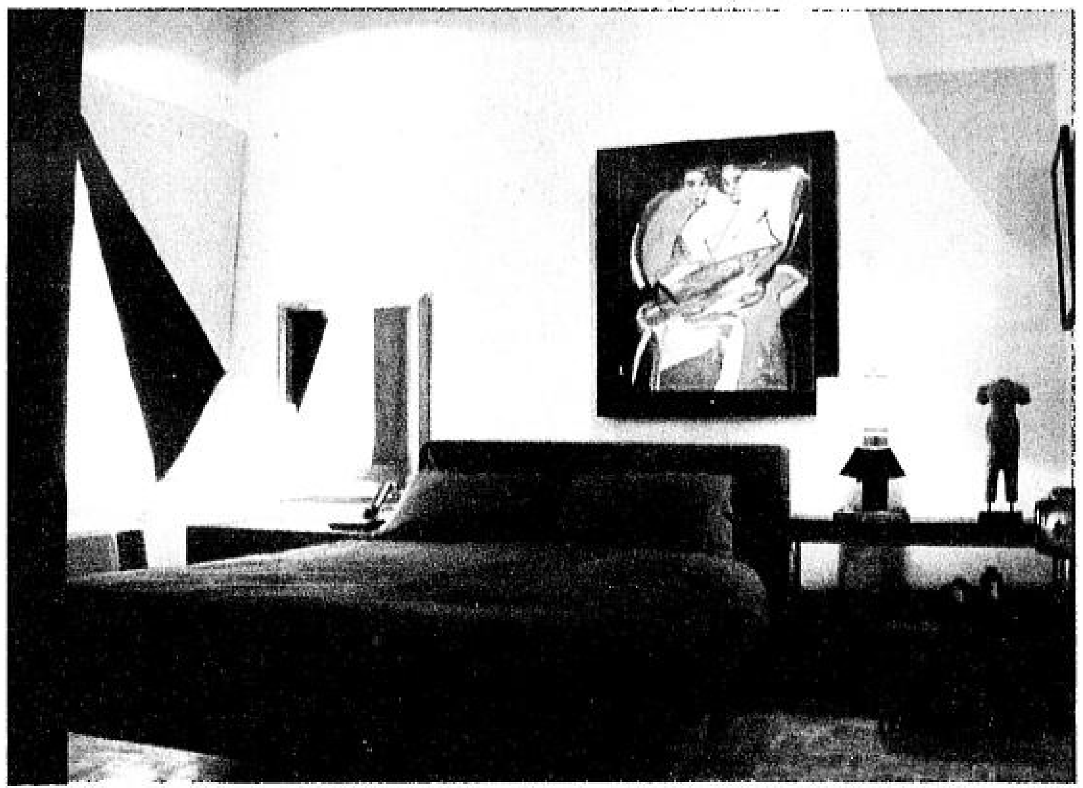

THE TUXEDO curtain shades the room from the morning sun. Atop a side table is an Osamu Noguchi lamp. BenCab's opus of "2 Japanese Women from the Edo Period" is mounted asymmetrically atop the bed. Asian accents match the bedroom furniture by the Italian Antonio Citterio.

Banking on a meditative lifestyle

An investment banker de-stresses his pad by using the regenerative spirit of color, texture and form

BY CATHY SALDANA-NOLIDO
PHOTOS BY CHITO VECINA
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IN A FAST-PACED lifestyle, only the basics are kept in the cozy dimensions of condominium spaces, townhomes and small houses. Reflecting a schedule that seeks to simplify, today's urban quarters are generous in style though compact in size. In this one-bedroom flat in the financial district of Makati, a banker creates a meditative setting where modern classics, Italian furniture and Asian antiques blend to create a palette of colors and inspirations for relaxation.

Just like most young professionals engrossed in the rigors of work—of trade and investment portfolios, of deadlines and meetings, of numbers and reports—this banker also makes time for yoga and physical exercise and pursues true creativity. His home is an expression of this

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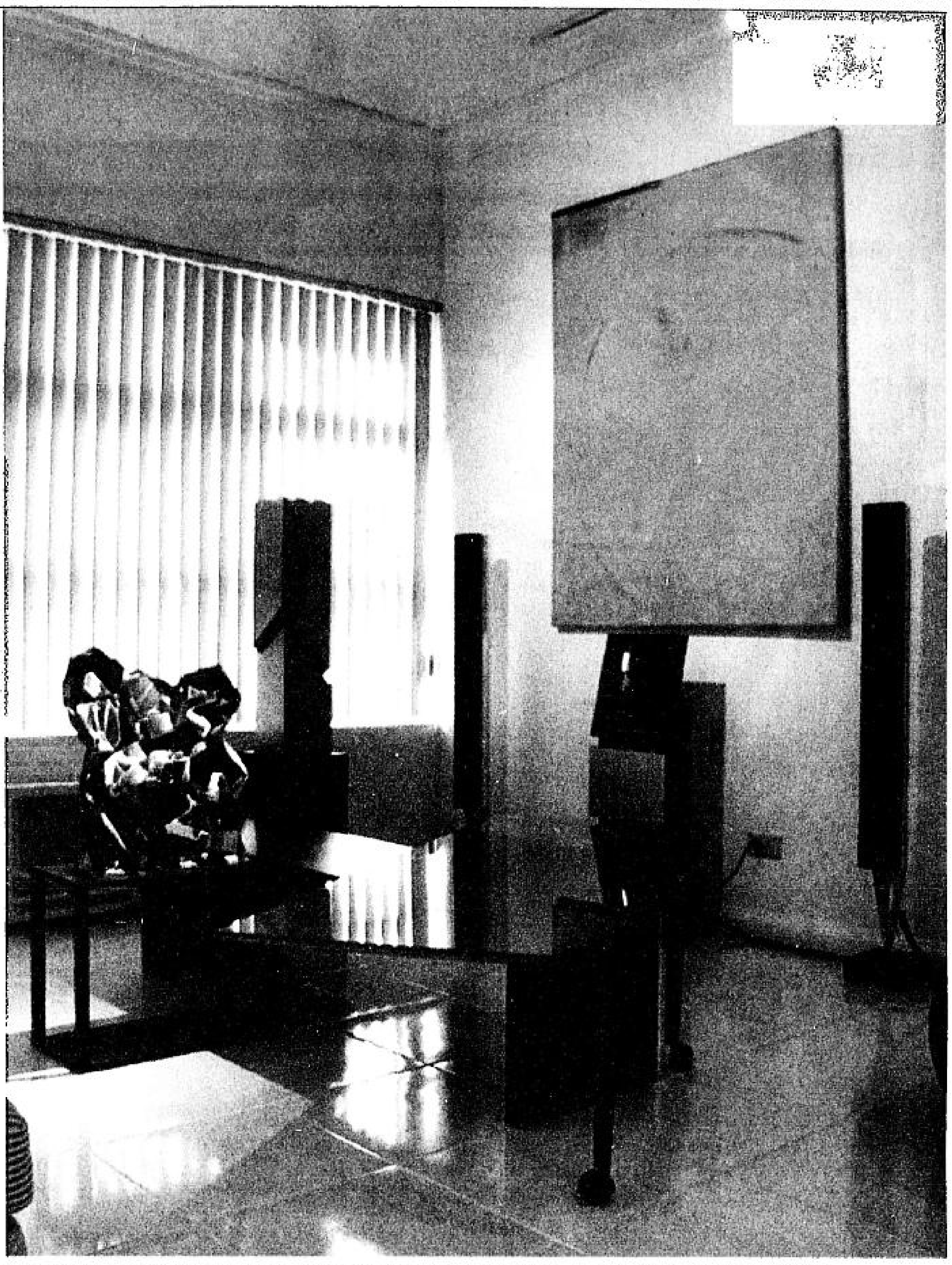
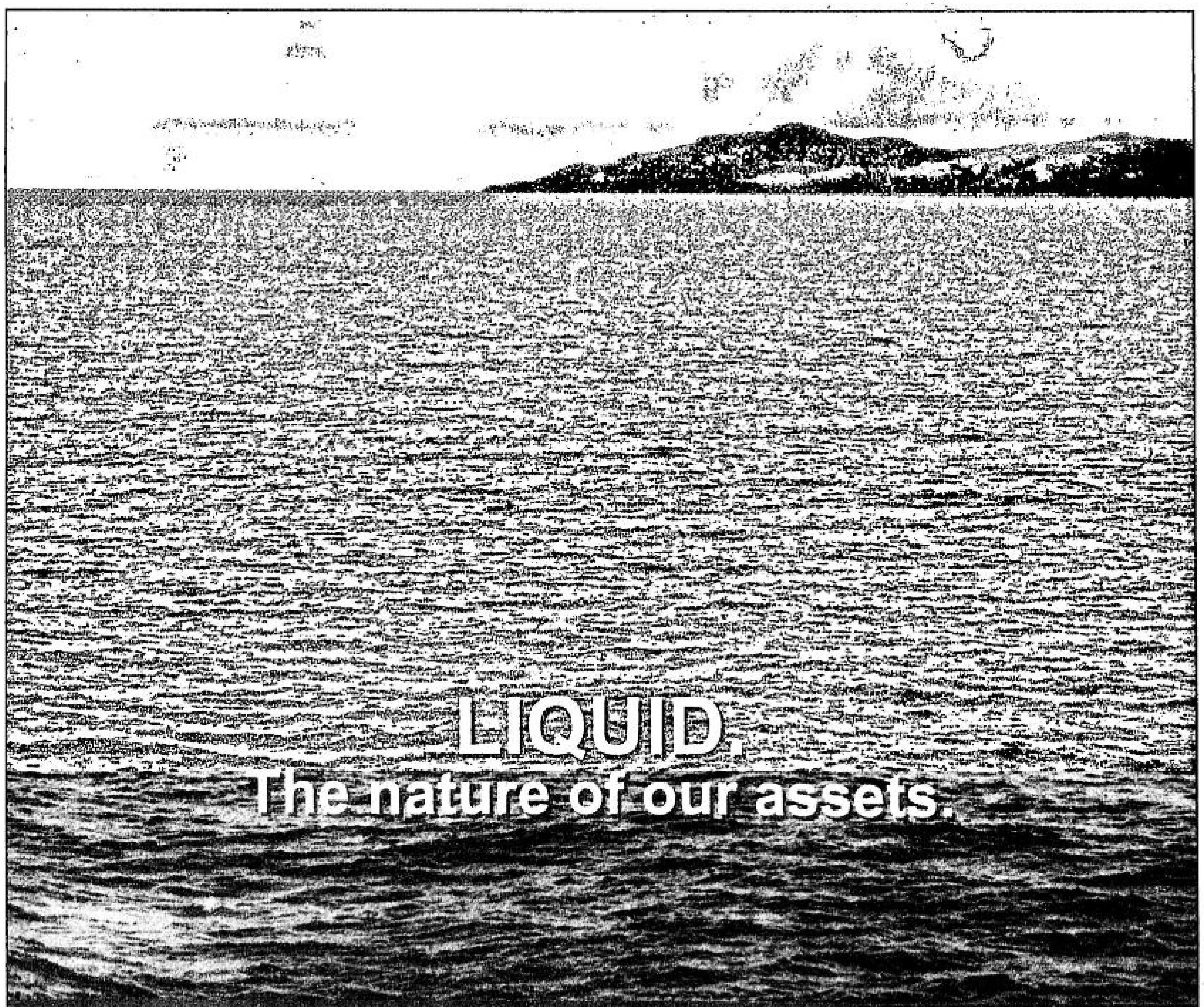


THE BANG and Olufsen stereo system stands proudly below Gus Albor's dominantly red painting.



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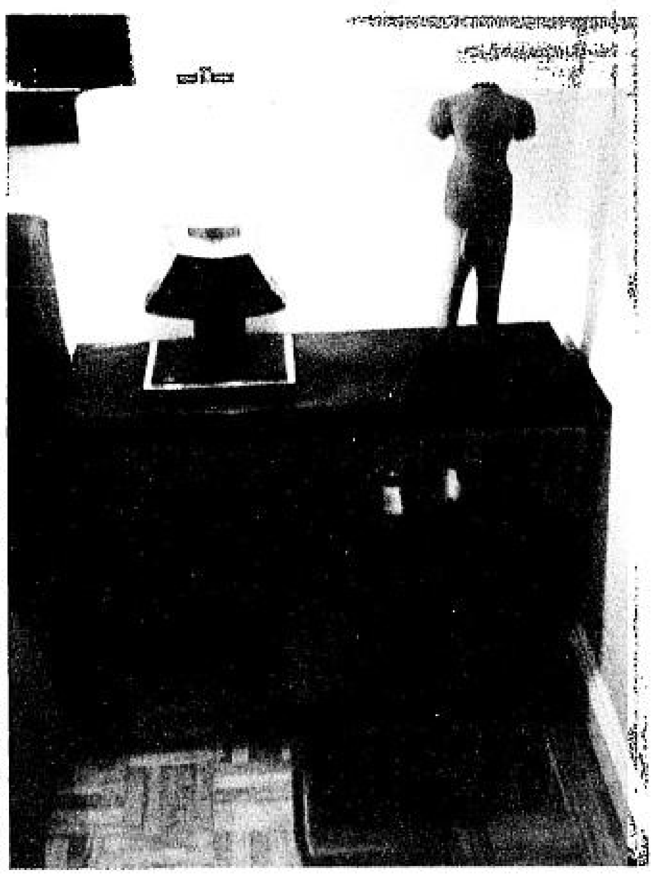
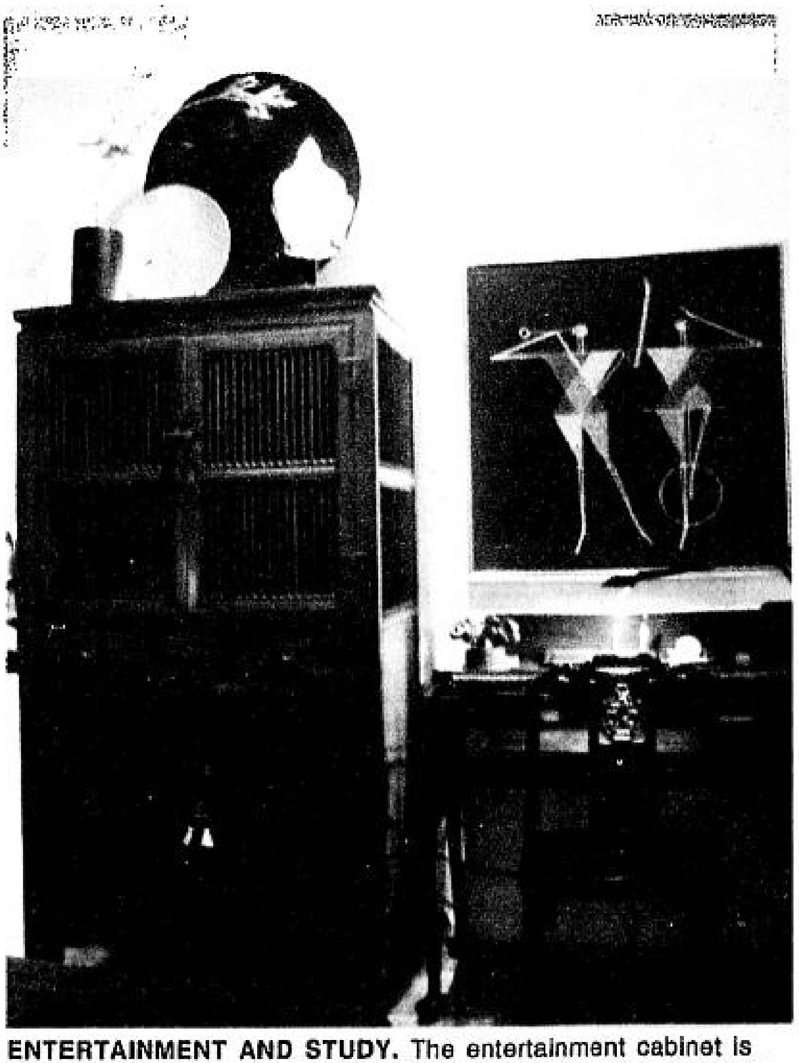


ATOP A B&B side table is an Asian-inspired bedside lamp using an antique bell from Burma. The male figure in stone is an old find, a replica of images from the Angkor Wat. The pottery set below is a gift from customs consultant and potter Arthur Dizon.



ENTERTAINMENT AND STUDY. The entertainment cabinet is called "Vexing the Cat," from the Tomlinson Collection. Atop this is a compo-sition of pieces mostly from Old Asia—Vietnamese lacquerware and an alabaster Buddha head from Burma. The piano desk is below an Arturo Luz masterpiece called "The Musician and the Juggler."

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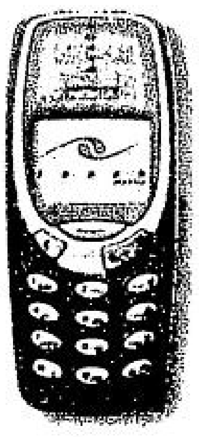

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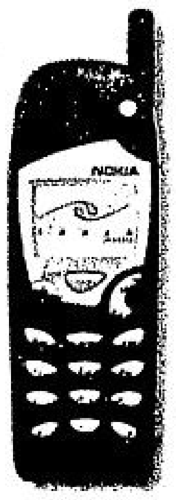

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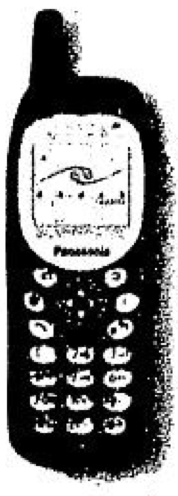

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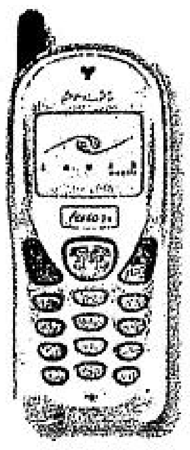

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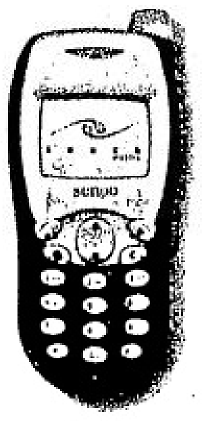

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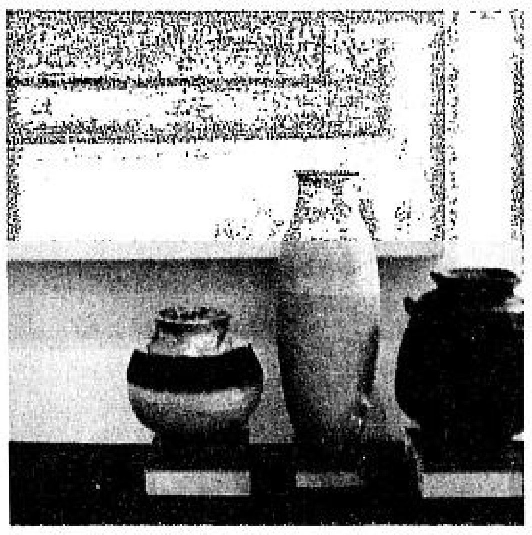
URBAN QUARTERS. This cozy cosmopolitan unit is a study in modern lines and Asian style merged in a one-bedroom flat.

A MIRROR on the entire wall span makes a great trick to expand space. The dining table by Andreas Storiko is actually a homage to Vladimir Suchov, a Russian engineer who patented a similar design about a hundred years ago. The table seems to be floating on air, as it merely rests on a thin rod perfectly balanced with hyperbolic-shaped brace supports. The dining chairs are from B&B Italia.

Banking on a meditative lifestyle



POTTERY from the recent show of Jon Pettyjohn and his students provide a glazing match to the Lao Lianben painting behind. The colors of clay provide a visual prelude to the play of neutral colors.

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pursuit. It is in this light that he favors the artist Lao Lianben for infusing the "experience of uncluttered grace," expressing a statement of tranquility that puts the perfect balance in a fast-paced executive lifestyle.

Impeccable contrasts

Music permeates the air as it comes from a Bang and Olufsen stereo system, purchased in Singapore where this young Filipino spoke in a Eurofinance conference together with a treasury executive from Manila. Impeccable contrasts from mounted artwork—from a red painting by Gus Albor, to a sculpture in brushed stainless steel by Reggie Yuson—recharge his young mind, as he is constantly beset with investment concerns of multinational clients.

The meditative spirit continues with another Lao painting mounted as if it were a Chinese scroll. Visually anchoring it on a black lacquer chest is a pair of terra-cotta figures, with the softness of its clay silhouettes seemingly outlined on the painting. On its upper left is a Philippe Starck wall clock, a small, sturdy piece that blends with all the accents.

The dominance of Asian-inspired furniture blending with modern Italian pieces creates a balance that underscores sensitivity. The lacquer chest fronting the glass-topped dining table makes a strong design statement. The mixture of materials and settings, tastefully done, reflects true Asian flexibility. The Asian materials and settings meld, in effortless spirit, with recognized forms of glass and metal.

The foot-high table at the foyer is a prelude to the combination of elegant surprises reflected in every corner of this flat, a short walk from busy Ayala Avenue. It opens with a spread of pottery from the recent Jon Pettyjohn students' exhibit at the Glorietta. The pottery colors gracefully match a painting in the background, from Lao Lianben's "Incision" series in acrylic. Within easy reach is the door to the kitchen, where functional pieces from Arrakis Ogetti help whip up a quick meal.

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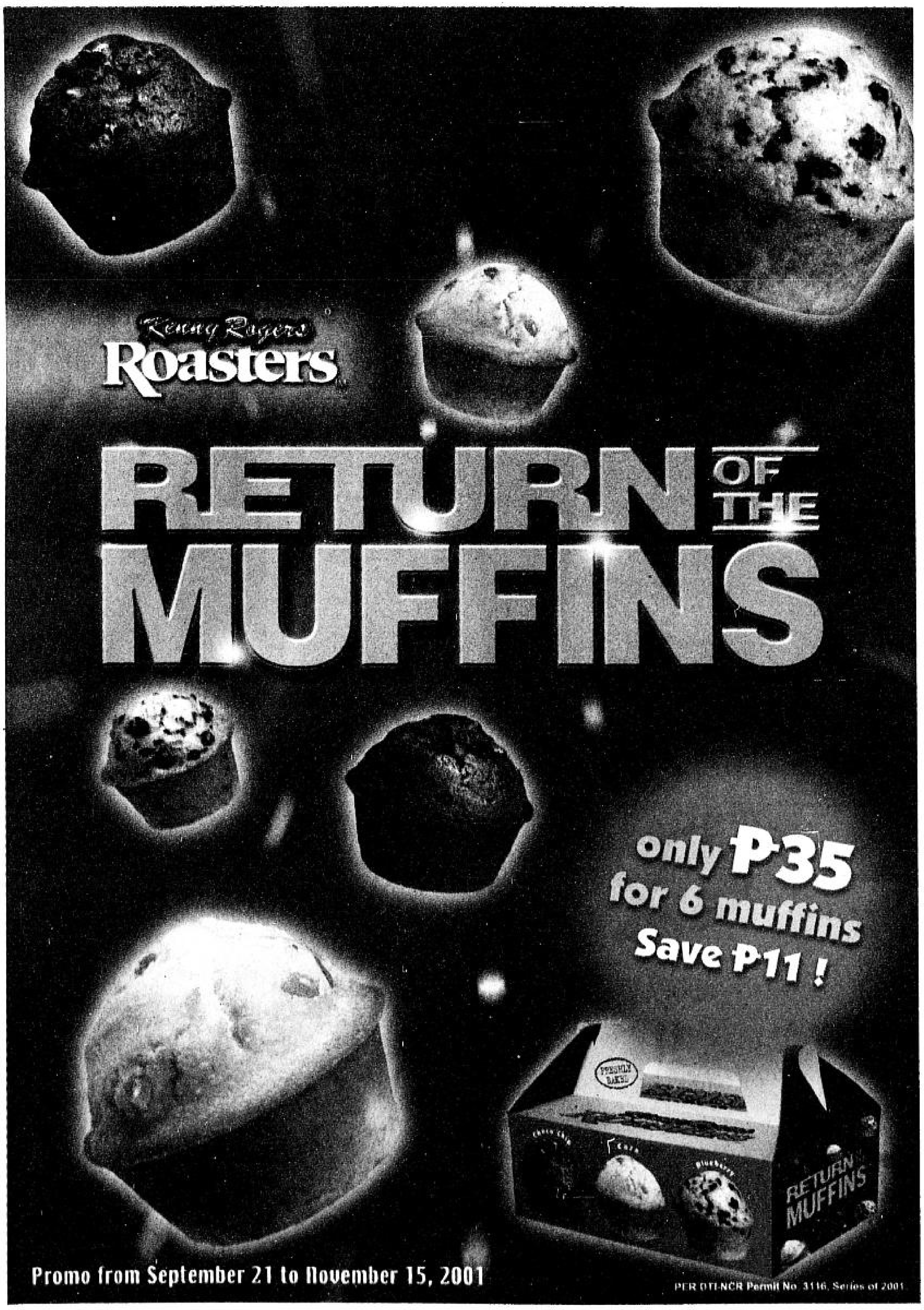
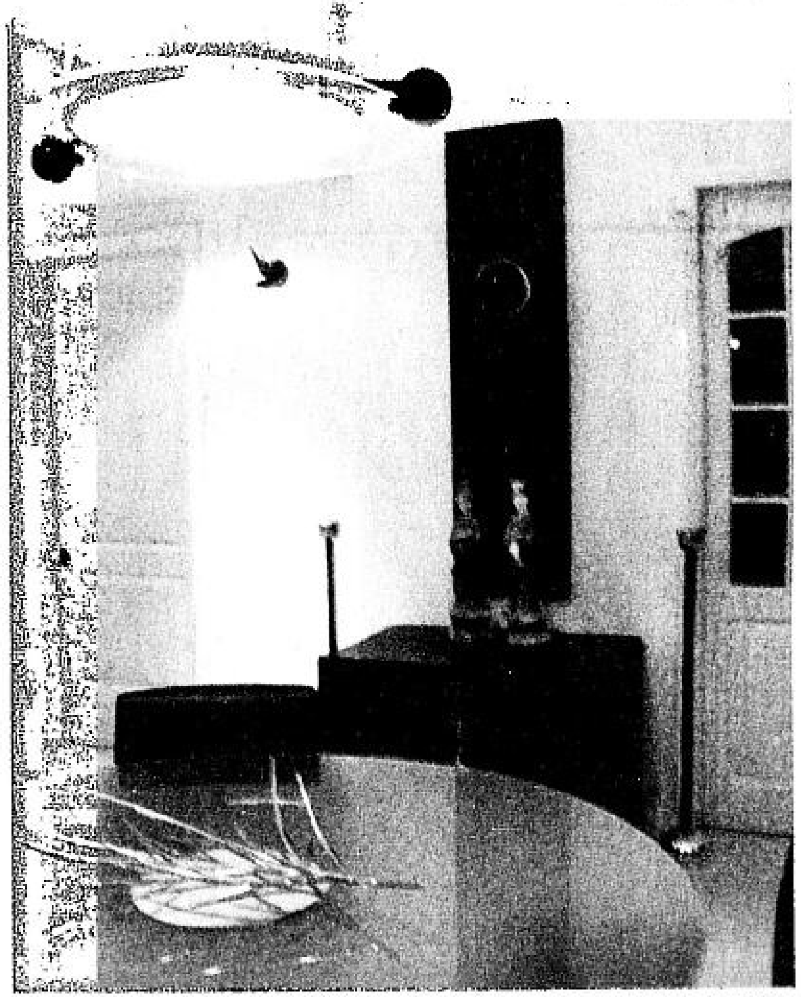
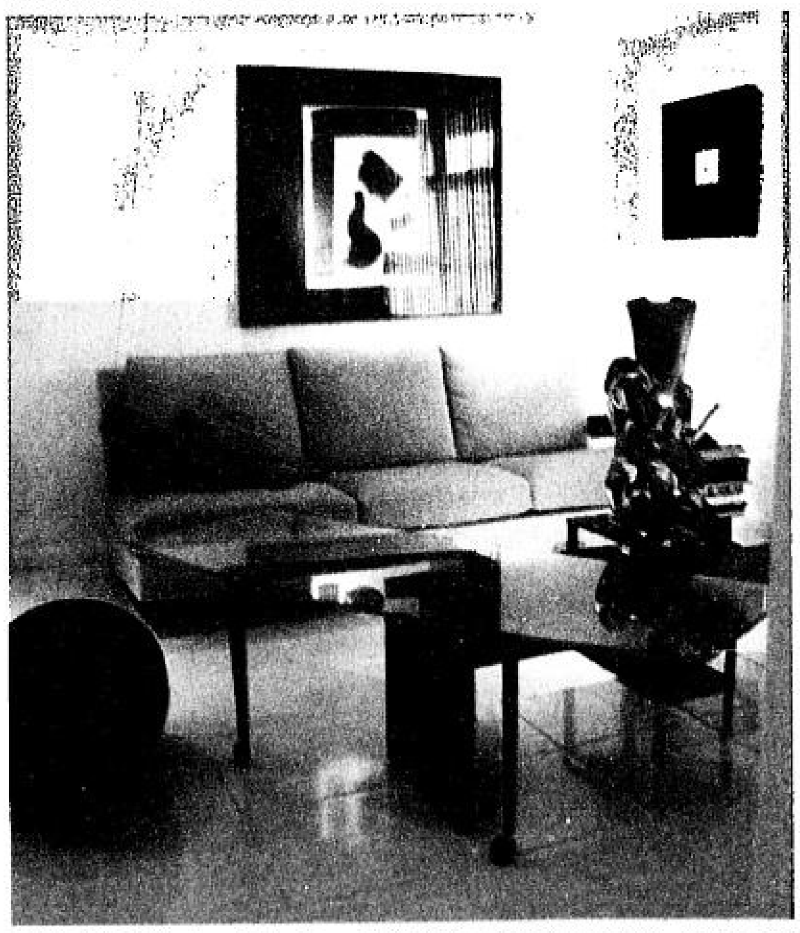
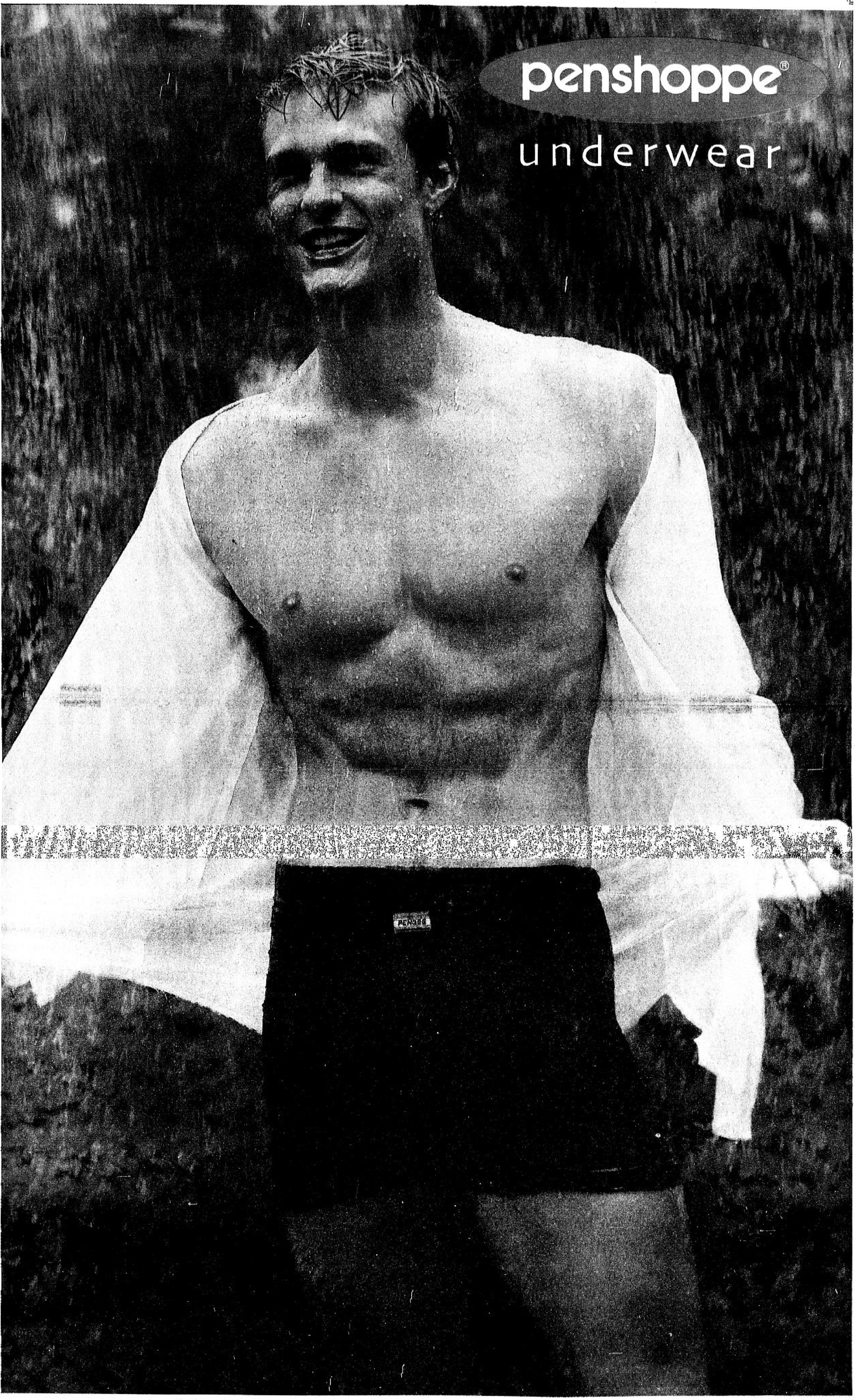




A SMALL wall clock by Philippe Starck flanks the doorway. Another Lao Lianben is mounted as if it were a scroll. Below this is a pair of Chinese figures in terra cotta. The black lacquer large cloth chest is of elm wood from the Quing Dynasty, 19th-century China, purchased from the Tomlinson Collection. Silver and wrought-iron candlesticks from Bangkok stand on each side. The twigs in stainless steel on the foreground are from B at Home.



THE META flipping table from B&B Italia combines wood, metal and crystal in a form that could be flipped to three-letter shapes—I, T or L. This was fabricated from an award-winning design by two Belgians, Ingrid Wijnen and Leo Aerts. The Tato stool sits nearby.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Heil, Herr Hans!

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SOME designers create within the framework set by their milieu. Given the latest trend in silhouette, fabrics and color, their main focus is to put their unique stamp on their clients' desire. For others, designing clothes has nothing to do with what's in fashion, but is simply a manifestation of their creativity.

Manuel "Nolie" Hans' clothes come alive because of their sense of nostalgia for the past. Much of that sense is achieved by hand-detailing, ethnic and period motifs, and luxurious materials. Because his hand-stitched fabrics tend to dictate his gowns, Hans is unlikely to be influenced by what's current.

A licensed civil engineer, he ended up designing clothes and even teaching construction and dressmaking at the Madonna School of Fashion. With the school founder, Tessie Galang, he developed a system patterned after the American method of dressmaking although the proportions were adjusted to the Filipina figure.

Fastidious

His teaching stint has rubbed off on him. Hans says he is fastidious about construction even if the silhouette is simple. "I work more on fashion. I add embroidery or beadwork as a substitute for a fabric. My concept of design is to have a fabric that only your workshop can produce," he says. His main interests are texture and the preparation of the fabric, which he uses as both the base and the final product, like a collage or mosaic, mounted on canvas. His decorative patterns are a play on grains, roughness and smoothness. There's nothing flat about his works since he favors draping the body and making cutwork.

Hans' fabrics and clothes reflect the passion for a rarified past. His clothes grab attention for the rich patterns that seem to float on weightless luxury fabric. The Art Nouveau era inspires his unforgettable designs.

Hans is also a devotee of the Santo Niño. Subconsciously perhaps, the colors and richness of the Holy Child's robes are reflected in his gowns.

Hans says that many upcoming designers think a dress can be made instantly with today's technology. He says a work of art isn't made in seven days. His clients must give him enough lead-time just to design and stitch the fabrics alone.

When Hans first started his career, ramie was the only reliable locally produced fabric available. To make his designs unique, he started making patterns on the fabric by using embroidery and cutwork. People started asking where

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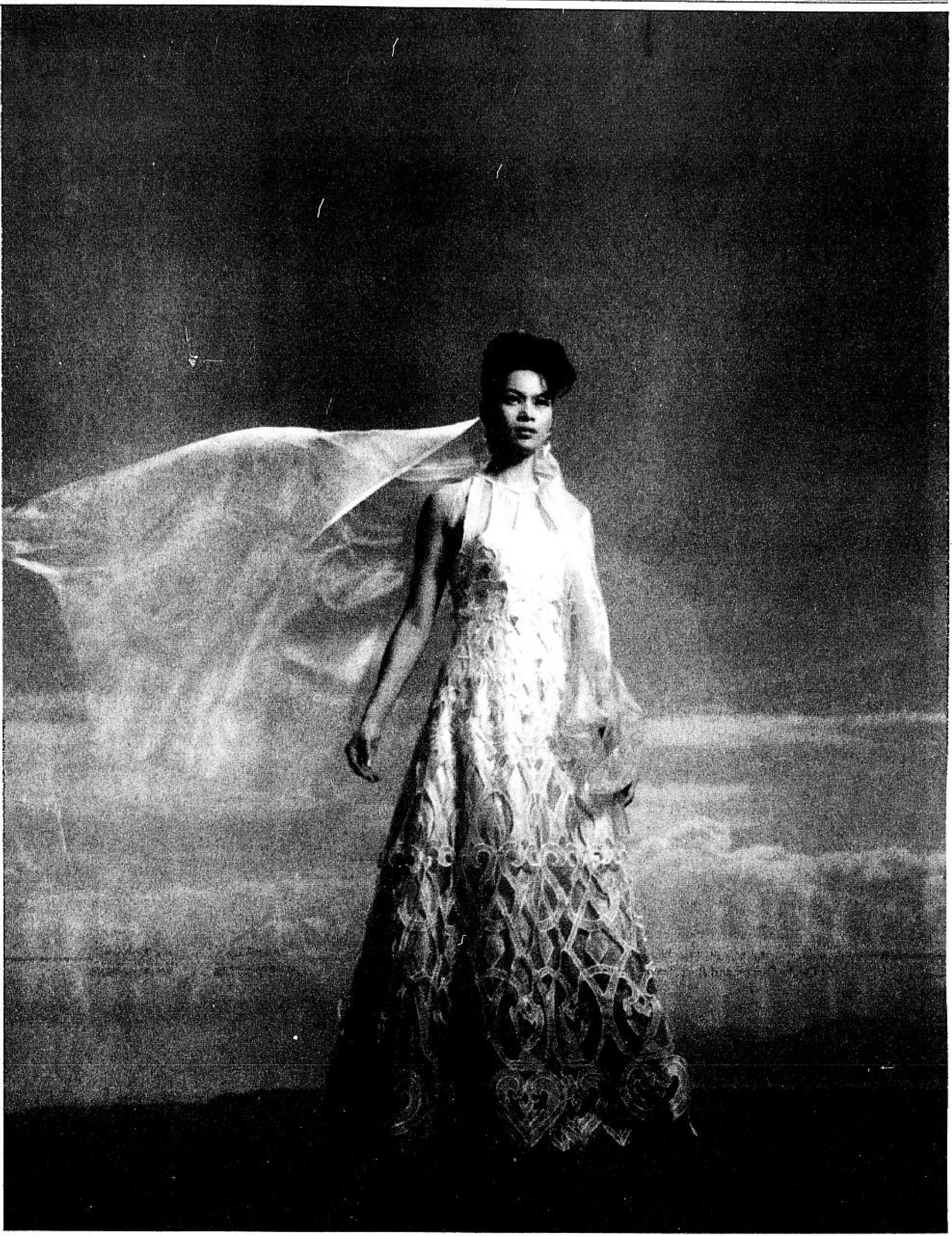
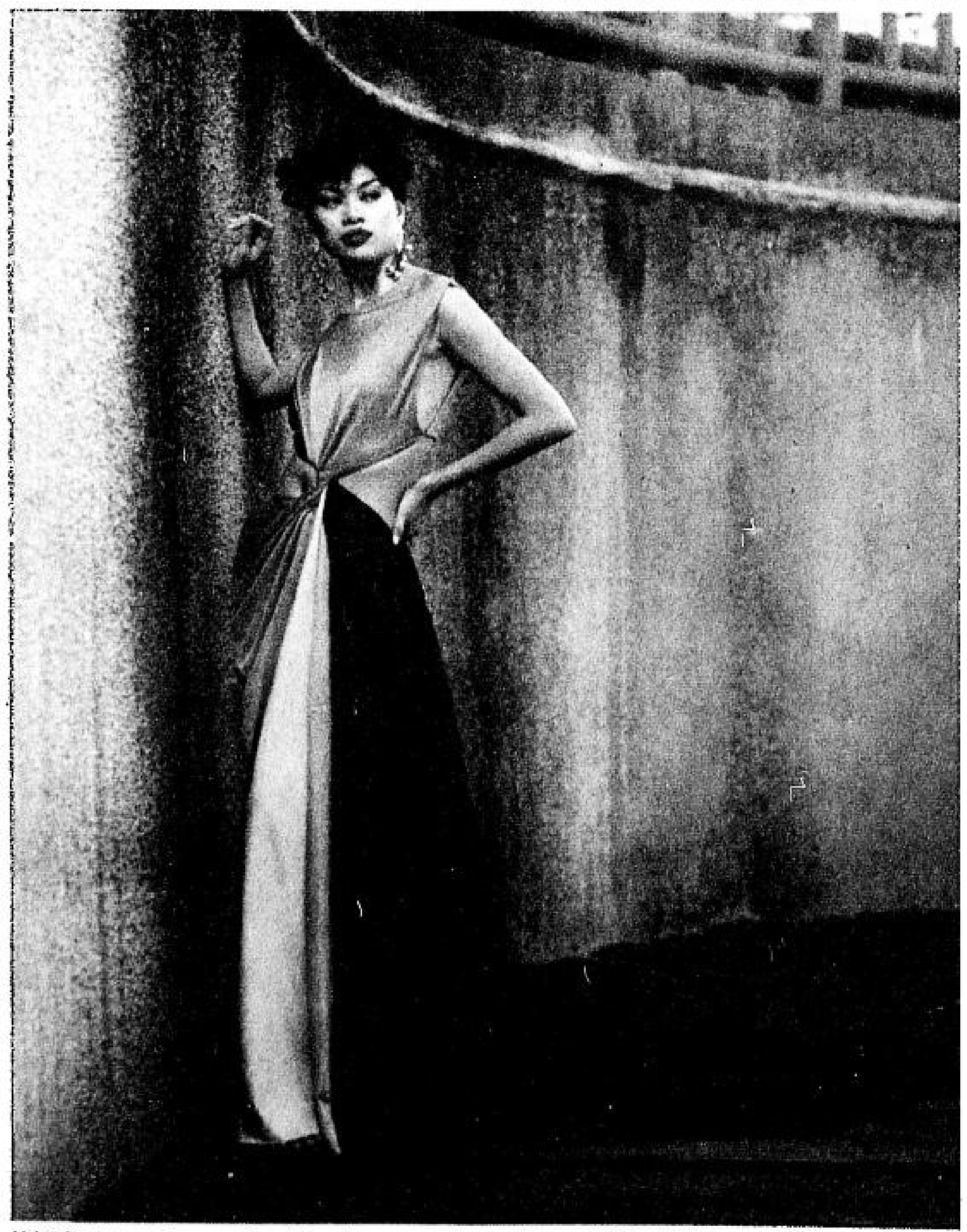
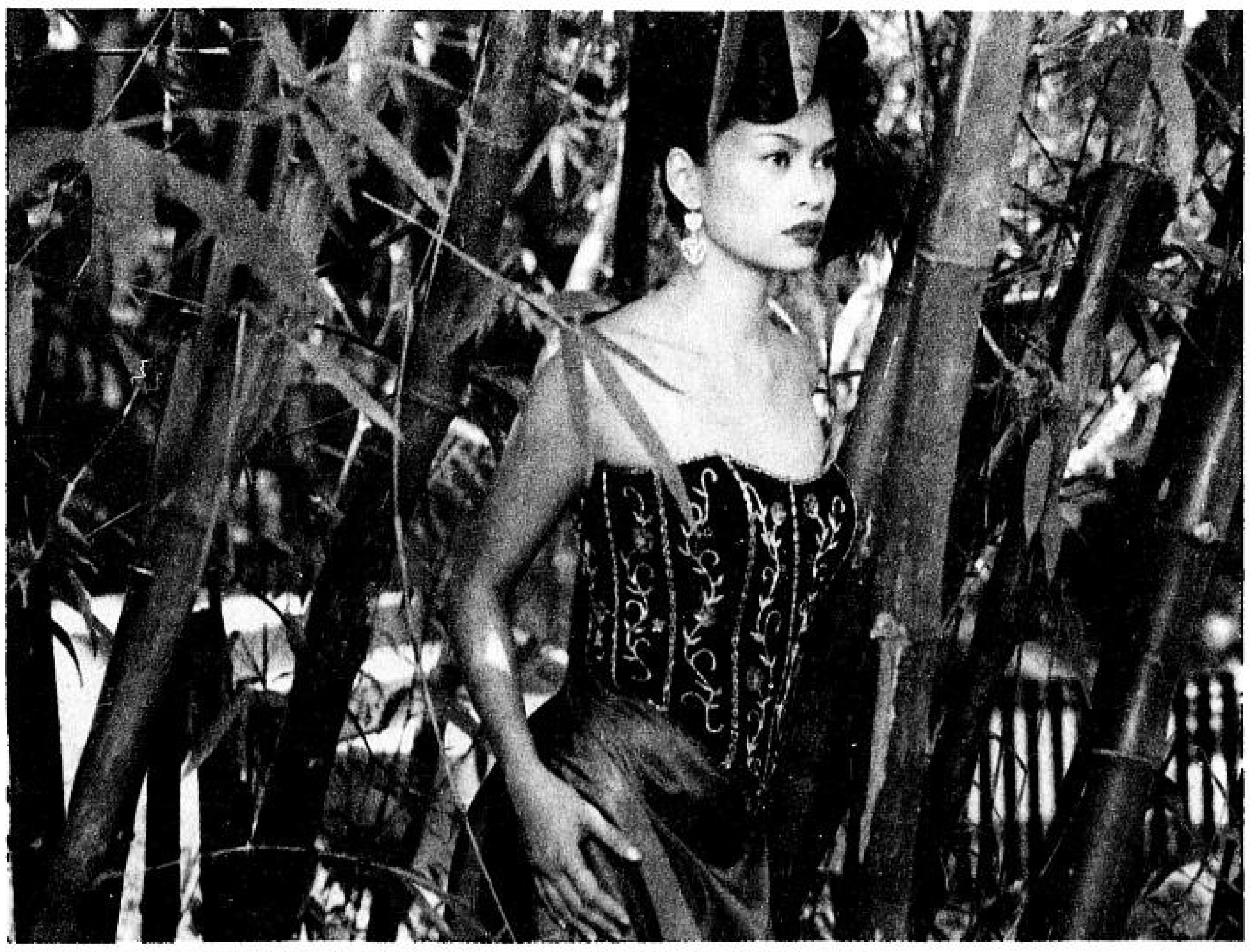


IT looks like lace, but this is Hans' trademark cutwork overlay worn over a strapless gown.

For the Inquirer pictorial,
designer Nolie Hans makes clothes that favor practical lines
which follow the shape of the body



HANS shows his penchant for drapes and peekaboo midrifs. This aqua gown is mixed with chartreuse and black godette inserts.



BLACK beaded bustier with floral and chain motifs is worn over a bustle skirt.

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Hans is the master of construction
and detailing. Again and again,
his designs breathe
the passion of a true craftsman

PEARLS and semiprecious stones cascade over this white chemise. Hans designs his "fabrics" by creating a patchwork of prints to make the train.

DECONSTRUCTION meets minimalism in this canary cutout overlay worn over a turquoise silk-chiffon chemise.

Heil, Herr Hans!

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he got his fabrics without realizing that the circles, stripes and other unusual designs were handsewn in his workshop.

Hans also works on *jusi*, which is a challenge to handle because it puckers and wrinkles easily. To disguise its fragility, Hans sews *callado* in different patterns. About 70 percent of a wedding gown is done by hand.

Confidence

Six years ago, Hans held a gala, which got good reviews from his clients but not from a writer. Hans was unfazed by the review, which panned his construction. A neckline was described as "sagging."

"He didn't get my point. My aim was to show the softness of the fabric," says Hans. He is confident about his designs because he understands its intricacies, having taught construction for years.

He was also panned for his over-the-top beadwork in the *terno* collection. That segment was clearly a marketing tack. He wanted to show his clients, who ordered gowns for coronations and special events, the range of his work.

"Beadwork is my forte. They were made for the show. In real life, my clothes are understated," he says.

Hans says his clients come from all walks of life, from politician's wives to middle-income families whose daughters clip his designs from magazines.

He admits that customers now are more hardnosed. Some have really cut down their spending. Others have restrained themselves from showing off in deference to the times.

Yet, Hans continues to be creative. "I enjoy experimenting with clothes. I want to revive the cutwork. You learn to appreciate the richness of the final product. In Fashion Television a lot of cutouts are coming out. I produced one with lace cutouts, and I also play on a lot of drapes. My clients say they're unique."

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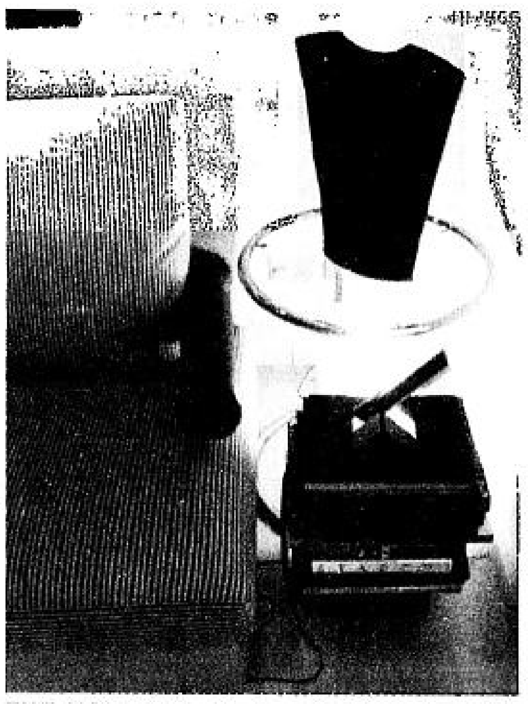

THE YOUNG banker's collection of design books reflecting his interests, from Bulgari to Starck, forms a telephone stand for a Bang & Olufsen phone.

Banking . . .

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The walls are painted in pristine white, a backdrop for minimalist lines. Clutter is not recognized for even a stack of books makes a telephone stand. Opposite this is an old Lor Calma sculpture in brass, selected by the owner for its fluidity, folding as it does on one edge like a sheet of paper. The favored couch is upholstered in leather, providing a partner to the conversation piece that is the Meta table in wood, metal and crystal. Purchased at B&B Italia, this was fabricated from an award-winning design by two Belgian designers, Ingrid Wijnen and Leo Aerts. It could actually be converted and flipped into three forms in letter shapes—an I, T or L

As always, the center of relaxation is the bedroom. In this unit, the Asian spirit still reigns beside the crisp lines of a modern-styled bed crafted from a pattern by Italian designer Antonio Citterio. The entertainment cabinet is actually called "Vexing the Cat," a Chinese antique from the Tomlinson Collection, so called as food is stored away from the cat's claws. On top of this cabinet is a composition the owner proudly states as his own, a statement in lacquer and alabaster. Around his bed are pieces and accents from Asia, mixing well with side tables and stools from B&B Italia.

The colors blend and the styles merge. There is a clear-cut inspiration dominated by the paintscapes of Lao Lianben, anchored by Italian furniture and infused with Asian sensibility. Here, a reflection of a lifestyle and an innate sense of creativity are attained, defining the purpose of a home, engaging this banker to a mode of true relaxation. More than just being immersed in investment portfolios, this young man allows us a glimpse into an urban haven. Relaxing amidst works of art, he can always bank on the regenerative spirit of color, texture and form as he prepares for the next working day.

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